著者近影

病魔を憎む孤高の戦士、それがKだ!!

神の腕を持つ医師、K！　病に苦しむ人々のために闘い続ける彼にも、父の医師として姿勢に反発し、自らの将来に疑問を持った時代があった。だが、八年前の恐るべき事件が、彼をいやおうなしに、宿命の渦に巻き込んでいった。いま、Kの過去が明らかになる!?

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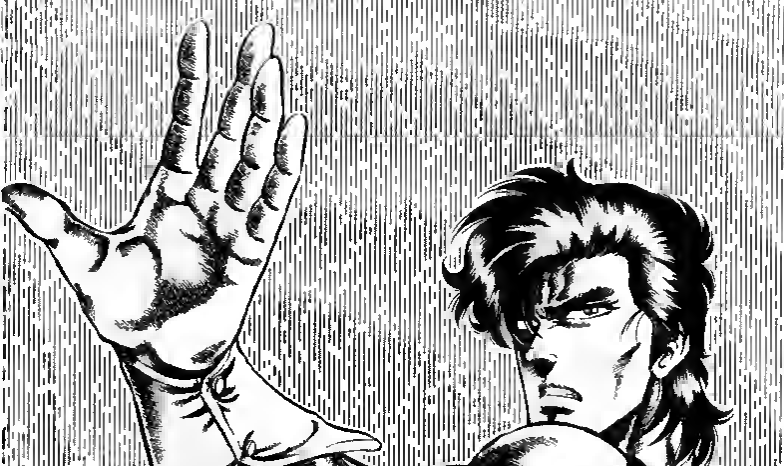

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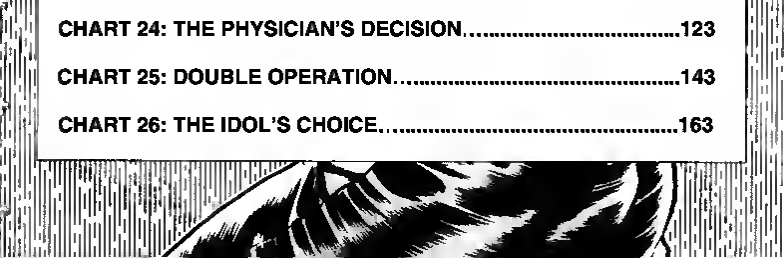

CHART 18: THE PASSIONATE PHARMACOLOGICAL PRODIGY

LABORATORY 1
PLEASE KNOCK!
Oshima Pharmaceutical
CUP noodle
NO ONE CAN ARGUE WITH THIS DEGREE OF PERFEC-TION!!
ALRIGHT! IT'S COMP-LETE!!

TO THE PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM DISEASE WITH THIS DRUG I DEVELOPED!!
WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH COURAGE I CAN GIVE..
MY YEARS OF EFFORT WILL FINALLY PAY OFF...
チョン!
I WON'T LET YOUR SACRIFICES BE IN VAIN!
THANKS FOR THE HELP!
HEY... I FINALLY DID IT! I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU GUYS!
THAT HER ILLNESS CAN BE HEALED!!
NOW I'M SURE...
OTSU HOS

MAN, IT'S HOT!
UGEHH ...!
KODA..
YOU'RE KODA NAOKAZU, RIGHT..?
HUH!?
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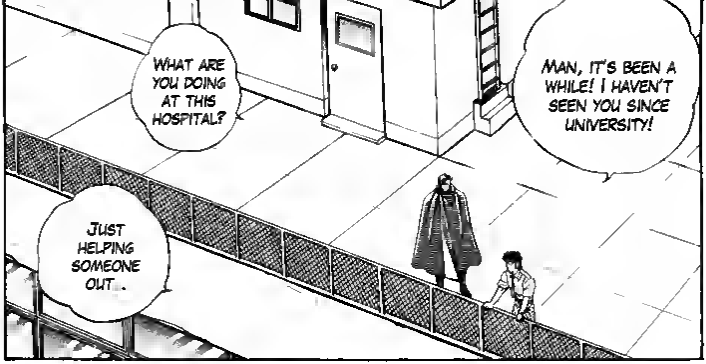
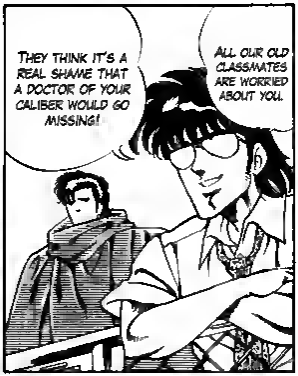
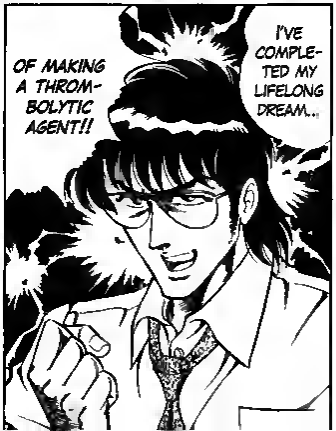
I... I'M SO SORRY ...!!
AHHHHH.. NOW MY DATA'S ALL OUT OF ORDER..
K... KAZUYA ...!!





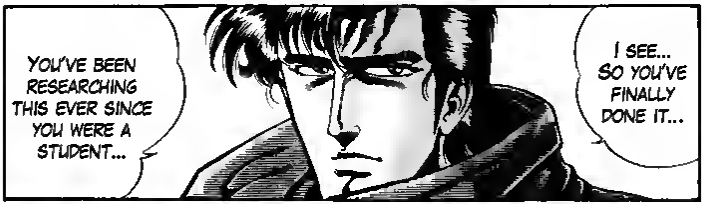
A THROMBOLYTIC AGENT IS MEDICATIDN THAT DISSDLVES CLDTS OF BLOOD THAT HAVE LODGED THEMSELVES IN THE BLOOD VESSELS (THROMBUS) AND NORMALIZES THE BLOOD FLOW. ITS USE IS INDICATED FOR A FAIR NUMBER DF HEART DISEASES AND BRAIN DISDRDERS.



ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PRESENT MY DATA TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE'S CENTRAL PHARMACEUTICAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL.
AND I CAN FINALLY START SELLING IT!!
ケケ

THIS MEDICATION HAS A WIDE RANGE OF APPLICATIONS!!
IT CAN BE APPLIED NOT JUST FOR THROMBI, BUT ALSO FOR CEREBRAL INFARCTION!!

I'VE DONE REPEATED TESTS OF SAFETY AND EFFICACY ON ANIMALS, AND THERE'S NO PROBLEMS THERE.
AND IT'S ALREADY CLEARED OVER 150 CLINICAL TESTS!


I SEE... SO YOU'VE FINALLY DONE IT...
YOU'VE BEEN RESEARCHING THIS EVER SINCE YOU WERE A STUDENT...

HEHE HEHE...
WELL... YOU COULD CALL HER MY GIRLFRIEND.
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OZE MAYUMI

SHE?
AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS DRUG. SHE'LL BE ABLE TO RUN AROUND AGAIN...

AH... MISTER KODA!!
おさるの
SIGN, ICCHAN THE MONKEY

HI, MAYUMI!
ガチャ!!
I'M HERE FOR A VISIT!

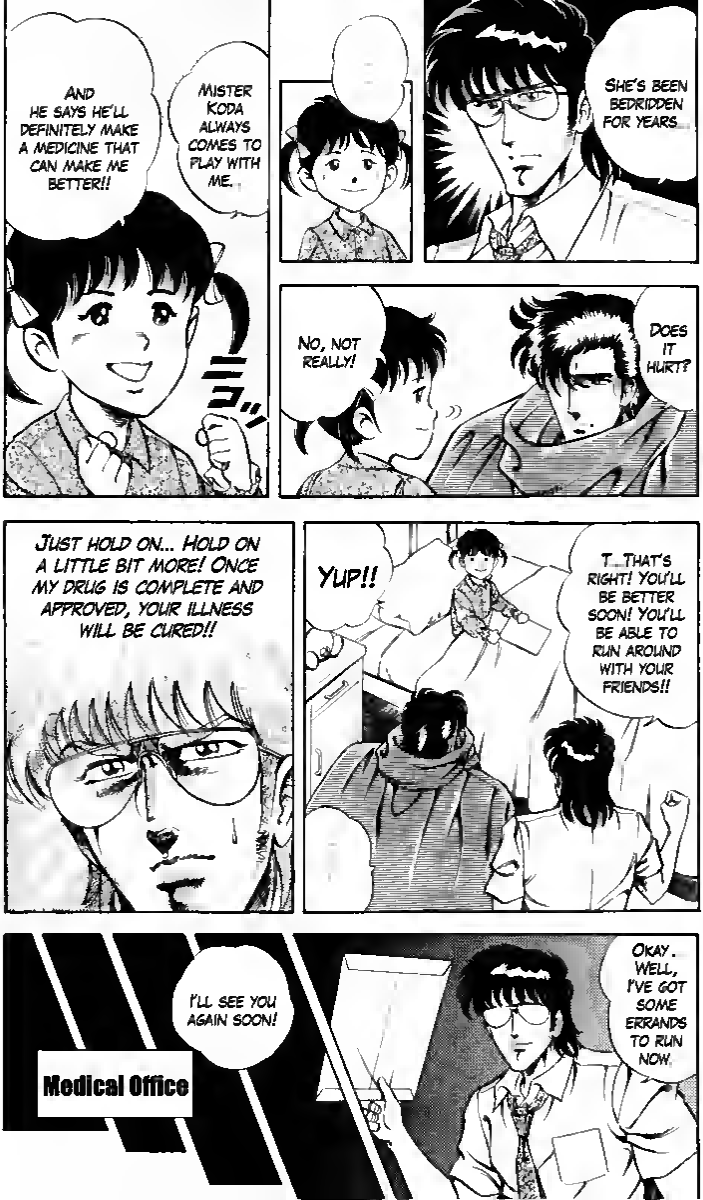
HE'S A DOCTOR!

OH, MR. KODA! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERY-THING.
I'VE BROUGHT MY FRIEND TODAY!

STILL THE SAME AS EVER.
SO HOW'S HER CONDITION BEEN?

SHE HAS A DISEASE THAT CAUSES THROMBI TO DEVELOP IN VESSELS ALL OVER HER BODY.
THIS GIRL DOESN'T JUST HAVE PLAIN THROM-BOSIS...

I DIDN'T THINK THAT THROMBOSIS COULD BE THIS DANGE-ROUS...


AND HE SAYS HE'LL DEFINITELY MAKE A MEDICINE THAT CAN MAKE ME BETTER!!
MISTER KODA ALWAYS COMES TO PLAY WITH ME.
SHE'S BEDRIDDEN FOR YEARS...
NO, NOT REALLY!
DOES IT HURT?
JUST HOLD ON... HOLD ON A LITTLE BIT MORE! ONCE MY DRUG IS COMPLETE AND APPROVED, YOUR ILLNESS WILL BE CURED!!
YUP!!
T...THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'LL BE BETTER SOON! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RUN AROUND WITH YOUR FRIENDS!!
Medical Office
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!
OKAY. WELL, I'VE GOT SOME ERRANDS TO RUN NOW.

I'VE COMPLETED OVER 150 CLINICAL TRIALS, JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME...
AND GATHERED ALL THIS DATA ON ITS EFFICACY.
WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HMM...
I SEE... WELL, THIS IS CERTAINLY A REMARKABLE EFFECT!
HMM...
IS THIS A JOKE!?
A TRIAL DRUG DEVELOPED BY A MAJOR PHARMACEUTICAL WOULD BE ONE THING...
BUT WE'VE NEVER USED ANY DRUGS PRODUCED FROM THE PERSONAL RESEARCH OF AN ABSOLUTE NOVICE!
I'M JUST ASKING YOU TO USE IT EXPERIMENTALLY!
I DIDN'T FIND ANY PROBLEMS WITH ITS SAFETY AND EFFICACY IN MY ANIMAL TESTING...
YOU DON'T MEAN...
OUR PATIENTS ARE NOT ANIMALS !!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!

YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT IT THROUGH AT LEAST 150 OTHER CLINICAL TRIALS FIRST.
IF YOU ABSOLUTELY WANT US TO USE IT AT THIS HOSPITAL
BUT NOT ONES BASED ON PERSONAL RESEARCH LIKE YOURS!
IT'S TRUE THAT AS A HOSPITAL, WE ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH TESTING NEW DRUGS
A. AT LEAST 150..?
WE CAN START ADMINISTERING THIS DRUG EXPERIMENTALLY AS SOON AS TOMORROW. WE'LL SELECT A PERSON WITH APPLICABLE SYMPTOMS...
Y-YOU MEAN...
YOUR PASSION HAS WON ME OVER!
WELL, I GIVE UP..
W-WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THAT COULD BE MAYUMI ...!!
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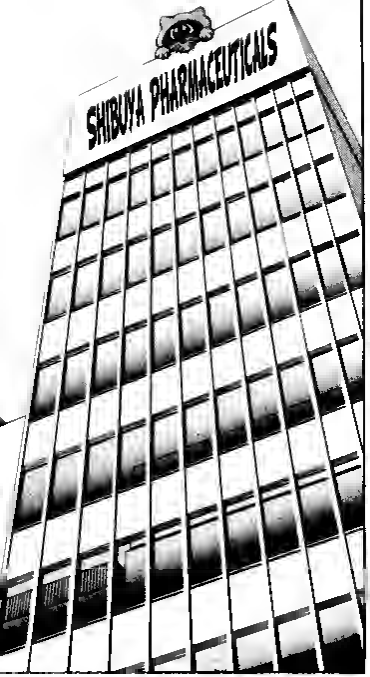
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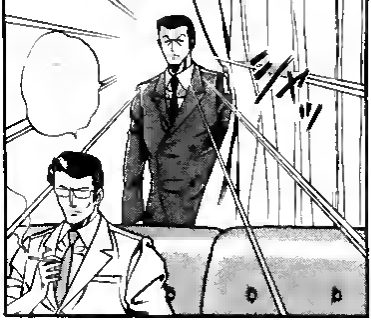


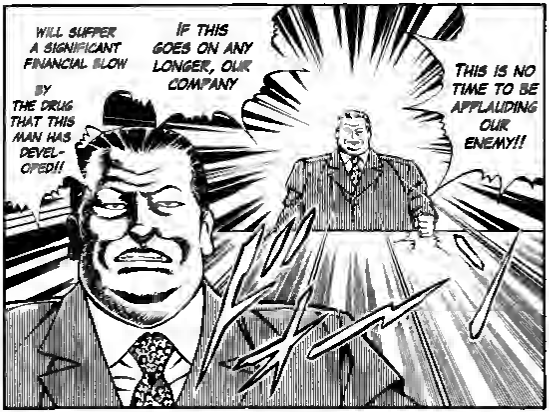
KODA... NAOKAZU...

TO THINK THAT THIS DRUG DEVELOPED BY THAT YOUNGSTER KODA...
WOULD BE THIS EFFECTIVE!!

SHIBUYA PHARMACEU

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS..
CONFERENCE ROOM

BUT THE PATIENTS THAT THIS DRUG IS ADMINISTERED TO HEAD TOWARD RECOVERY WITH A PROBABILITY OF OVER 90%...!!
IT HARDLY SEEMS LIKE A PERSONALLY RESEARCHED DRUG FROM A SMALL-TIME PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION...!!

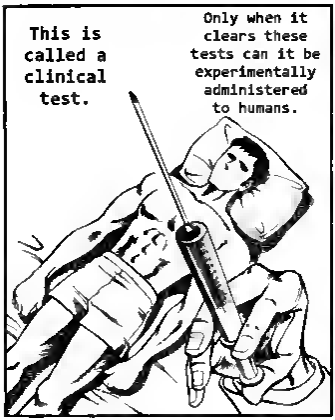

WILL SUFFER A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL BLOW
IF THIS GOES ON ANY LONGER, OUR COMPANY
BY THE DRUG THAT THIS MAN HAS DEVELOPED!!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE APPLAUDING OUR ENEMY!!

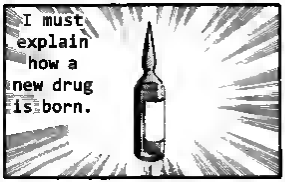
KODA NAOKAZU HE'S A TERRIBLY PRODIGIOUS PHARMACOLOGIST!!

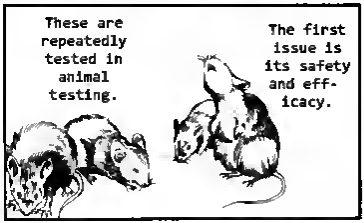
BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SELL THE DRUG THAT TOOK SO MUCH EXPENSE TO DEVELOP!!
NOT ONLY WOULD OUR COMPANY'S REPUTATION BE RUINED

SO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A DRUG MORE EFFECTIVE THAN OURS GOES ON THE MARKET?
SHIBUYA PHARMACEUTICALS IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A THROMBOLYTIC AGENT...

WE HAVE TO STOP KODA'S DRUG FROM BEING APPROVED!!
HE COULD END UP CRUSHING OUR BILLION-YEN PROJECT!!
WE HAVE SPENT OVER ONE BILLION YEN ON THIS NEW THROMBOLYTIC AGENT IN RESEARCH FUNDS!
THEN THAT PUNY LITTLE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY COULD GROW INTO A MASSIVE CORPORATION...
IF... IT'S APPROVED AND SOLD ON THE MARKET...
SO... WHAT'S YOUR IDEA!?
OHHH... HAYASHI!!
I HAVE A GOOD IDEA.
PRESIDENT...
THAT IT WOULD BE NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT THEY ARE IN THE PALM OF OUR HAND.
WE'VE ALREADY BEEN DONATING ENOUGH MONEY TO THE DOCTORS AT OZU HOSPITAL,







is that over 150 clinical results must be obtained from five or more hospitals.

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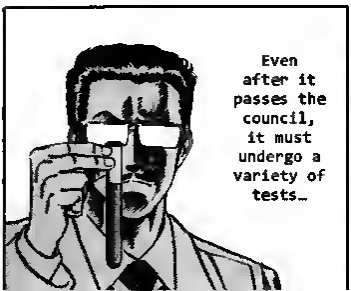

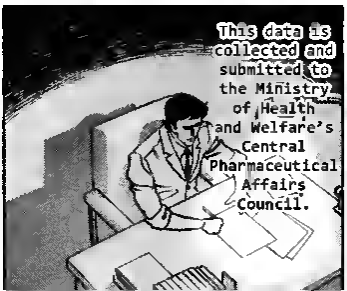

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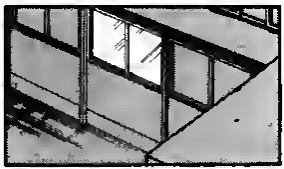
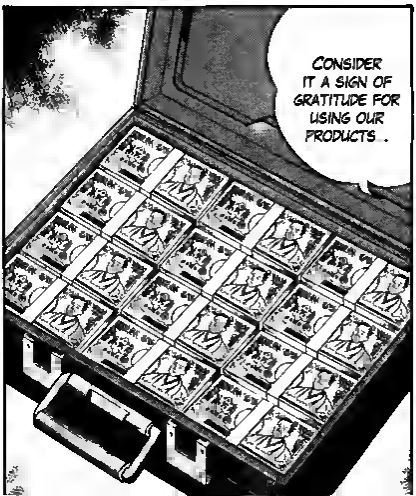
W... WHAT'S THIS MONEY FOR...!?

ONO HOSPITAL



I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO A FAVOR FOR OUR COMPANY
BY THE BY...


CONSIDER IT A SIGN OF GRATITUDE FOR USING OUR PRODUCTS .

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OZE MAYUMI
IT'S ABOUT THE PATIENT THAT KODA'S DRUG IS BEING ADMINISTERED TO...
I WANT YOU TO BURY THIS NEEDLE...
INTO THAT GIRL'S BACK.
A SIMPLE INCISION WILL DO THE TRICK.
DON'T WORRY. IT'S BARELY EVEN A CENTIMETER LONG...
MM-NGH...

NOW...
THAT MONEY IS MINE!!
THEN ACCORDING TO MY DATA, SHE SHOULD BE RECOVERING WITHIN TWO WEEKS!!
IF ALL GOES WELL, MY DRUG COULD BE ADMINISTERED TO MAYUMI...
OH!! IT'S MAYUMI'S MOTHER!!
HI, MA'AM!! HOW'S MAYUMI DOING?

W...WELL... SHE JUST HAD A SUDDEN CHANGE IN HER CONDITION...!!
HUH!?
!?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
MAYUMI !!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
HUFF
HUFF
HUH...!?

I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS...
THAT MY DRUG DID THIS TO MAYUMI!?
D-DON'T TELL ME...
D-DOCTOR !!
YES DOCTOR!
SHE'S HAVING SERIOUS SYMPTOMS !!
PREP FOR RESUSCITATION, STAT!!
THE ONLY EXPLANATION IS THAT IT'S A SIDE EFFECT OF YOUR DRUG!
WE JUST ADMINISTERED THE DRUG 30 MINUTES AGO... AND SHE SUDDENLY STARTED WRITHING IN PAIN!
M-MAYUMI!! PLEASE, STAY WITH US!!
N...NO...
AND NONE OF THESE SIDE EFFECTS WERE PRESENT IN ANY OF MY CLINICAL TRIALS...!!
BUT I TESTED ITS SAFETY SO MANY TIMES ...!!

IT'S ALL MY FAULT!!
I DID THIS TO MAYUMI...
DID MY RESEARCH GO WRONG!?
WHERE...
I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THIS DRUG WOULD CAUSE SUCH DRASTIC SYMPTOMS OF SHOCK AFTER ITS SAFETY AND EFFICACY HAD BEEN CONFIRMED...
THAT'S ODD...
MA-YUMI !!
THERE'S MORE TO THIS!!

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MAFUNE KAZUO
THIS SCAPEL TATSES LIKE FREEDOM!!
THAT'S IT NO MORE STALLONE MOVIE MARATHONS K, YOU REMEBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME.
PRESENTED BY HOKUTO NO GUN
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CHAPTER 18

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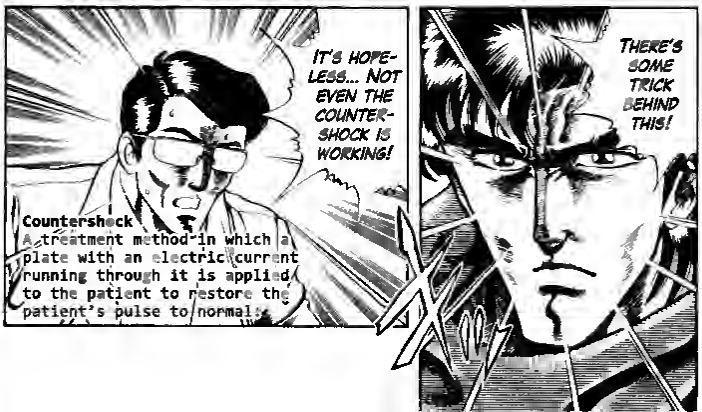
CHART 19: TRUTH OF THE SIDE EFFECTS

I DON'T GET IT...
KODA'S DRUG HAD PASSED SO MANY TESTS...
HER PULSE AND HEART RATE ARE IRREGULAR!
SO WHY DID IT CAUSE SUCH A MAJOR SHOCK...?
HER BREATH IS WEAKENING AS WELL!

I'VE EXPOSED MAYUMI TO DANGER...
WHAT HAVE I DONE...?

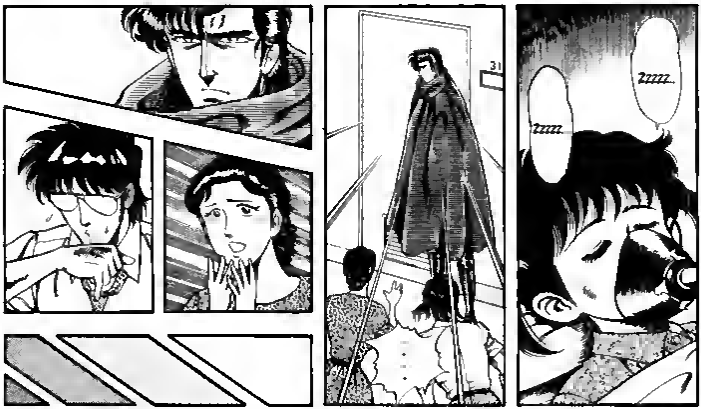

IT'S HOPELESS... NOT EVEN THE COUNTERSHOCK IS WORKING!
THERE'S SOME TRICK BEHIND THIS!
Countershock
A treatment method in which a plate with an electric current running through it is applied to the patient to restore the patient's pulse to normal.

P-PREP THE RESPIRATOR!
SHE'S STOPPED BREATHING!!
!!
I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D BE IN THIS MUCH DANGER...!!
HAYASHI'S GONE TOO FAR!!
WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS THAT NEEDLE !?
P-PLEASE, KAZUYA !!
PLEASE SAVE MAYUMI!!
LOOKS LIKE I'M UP NOW.
I'LL... I'LL...!!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO MAYUMI BECAUSE OF MY DRUG...

!?
H-HEY, YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE!!
ポン
DON'T BLAME YOUR-SELF...
HUH?
I'M GIVING HER A SHOT OF ADRENALIN DIRECTLY TO HER HEART!
PREP THE BOSMIN!
THAT'S INSANE... IT COULD HARM HER HEART AND PUT HER IN EVEN MORE DANGER!!
DIRECTLY TO HER HEART, NOT HER VESSELS!?

Adrenalin
A substance secreted by the human adrenel medulla, it is e medical egent with e wide renge of epplicetions, from cardiotonics to vesopressor agents and even allergy therepy.
DON'T WORRY! I CAN DO IT!
NOW GIVE ME THE SYRINGE!
I'LL INSERT THE NEEDLE BETWEEN HER FOURTH AND FIFTH RIB..
AND DIRECTLY ACTIVATE HER HEART!!
Fourth
Fifth
YOU DON'T MEAN
ALRIGHT, THERE'S THE SPOT.. HERE I GO!!
50cc
AHH!!

SHE'S BREATHING!
HER PULSE IS GRADUALLY STRENGTHENING, TOO!
SHE'LL BE SAFE FOR NOW.
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE METHOD
COULD HE BE..
WHO IS THIS MAN..?
SOME INCREDIBLY FAMOUS DOCTOR..!?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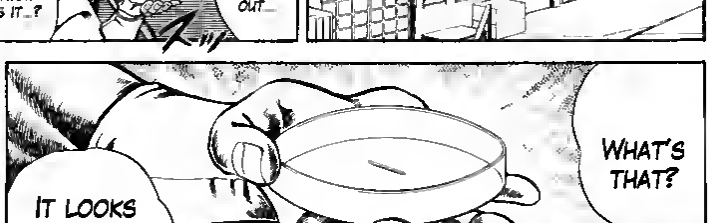
ZZZZZ..
ZZZZZ

HUUUUUH? RICE GRUEL AGAIN!?
BUT I WANNA HAVE CURRY RICE..

WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ALL MY RESEARCH?
I'M SORRY, MAYUMI. IT'S ALL MY DRUG'S FAULT...
OH, YOU SILLY GIRL...
SHE'S GROWN SO STRONG, YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE SHE WAS IN SO MUCH AGONY NOT TOO LONG AGO.
I WAS SO DESPERATE TO GIVE PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM DISEASES SOME COURAGE.. BUT IT ENDED UP CAUSING THE PATIENTS SUFFERING..
KODA..
I GUESS I FAIL AS A PHARMA-COLOGIST, KAZUYA..
MA-YUMI...
I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MEDICINE YOU'RE MAKING!
CHEER UP, MISTER!
H-HEY! YOUR BACK'S SHOWING!
AHHHH! I WANNA RUN AROUND SOON!

YOU'RE A GIRL! YOU NEED TO MIND YOUR MANNERS!
WHERE DID THIS SCAR COME FROM!? ...COULD IT BE...!?
KYAHAHA! THAT TICKLES!!
WHAT?
W... WHAT IS THIS!?
HUH?
NO.
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT... WHERE DID SHE GET THAT?
HAS MAYUMI UNDERGONE ANY SURGERY ON HER BACK RECENTLY?
A SURGICAL SCAR!!
THIS IS UN-DOUBT-EDLY...
NO, IT'S NOT.
IT LOOKS KIND OF LIKE A WELT... DID SHE SCRATCH IT ON SOME-THING?

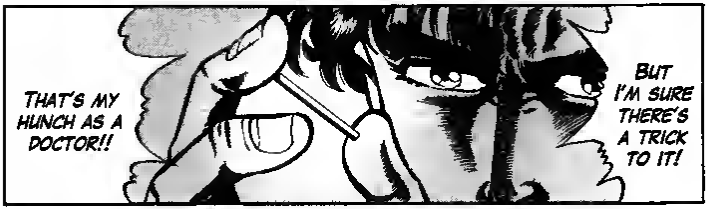
KODA... IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT.
I MADE AN IN-CISION INTO HER BACK, AND THIS CAME OUT...
WHAT IS IT...?


WHAT'S THAT?
IT LOOKS LIKE A NEEDLE...

IT COULD BE
THAT SHE FRACTURED HER VERTE-BRAE AND THEY WERE CONNECTED BY A NEEDLE.
THIS IS JUST A HUNCH... BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT HER INTENSE SHOCK...
WAS NOT A SIDE EFFECT OF YOUR DRUG,
BUT WAS CAUSED BY THIS NEEDLE!!
NO.
FROM WHAT HER MOTHER TOLD ME, SHE'S RECEIVED NO SUCH INJURY, MUCH LESS TREATMENT FOR IT!

I DON'T KNOW... BUT..
WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT SOMEONE PUT IT INSIDE HER..
WITHOUT HER MOTHER'S KNOW-LEDGE!
BUT HOW...!?
THAT NEEDLE !?
THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD APPROACH HER WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION WOULD BE THE NURSES OF OZU HOSPITAL...
OR THE DOCTORS!!
WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT ITS FUNCTION IS, AND HOW IT FUNCTIONS
WHATEVER THE CASE, WE HAVE TO STUDY IT FIRST!
KAZUYA...

IT JUST SEEMS LIKE AN ORDINARY NEEDLE...
I DON'T GET IT... NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT...


THAT'S MY HUNCH AS A DOCTOR!!
BUT I'M SURE THERE'S A TRICK TO IT!

THAT DEFINITELY MAKES IT A SIDE EFFECT OF MY DRUG.
MAYUMI UNDERWENT SHOCK SYMPTOMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING ADMINISTERED MY DRUG.

HEY,
I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE UP.. THINK ABOUT IT.

I THINK I'LL JUST GIVE UP MY RESEARCH...
I'VE... LOST MY CONFI-DENCE...

I GUESS IT WAS JUST A PIPE DREAM TO PRODUCE A DRUG FROM PERSONAL RESEARCH.

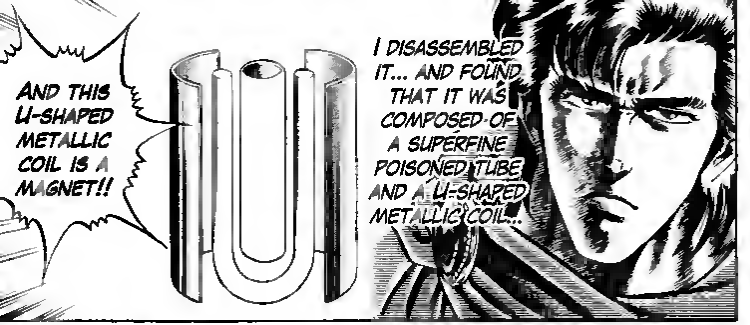
!?
ゴゴゴ...
D... DID IT JUST MOVE !?
IT DEFINITELY MOVED JUST NOW!!
WERE MY EYES PLAYING TRICKS ON ME? NO... THEY WEREN'T...
HUH?
THAT NEEDLE JUST MOVED!
HEY... WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?
WHY!? WHY DID IT MOVE !?
IS THERE A TRICK TO IT AFTER ALL!?

SO DOES THAT MEAN...
IT MOVED AS IF IT WAS BEING ATTRACTED...
THAT IT'S MAGNETIC !?
BUT THE STRANGE THING IS... IF I JUST BRING IT NEAR THE SCREW-DRIVER...
TO THIS SCREW-DRIVER!
?
IT DOESN'T EVEN BUDGE.
—
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!! I JUST WANTED A SMOKE...
BUT I...
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MINOR IT IS! KODA!! THINK BACK ON YOUR ACTIONS!!
THINK BACK!! WHEN IT MOVED...
SOME-THING... SOMETHING ELSE HAP-PENED!!
CIGARETTE... FIRE... LIGHTER... LIGHTER!
WAIT...
A CIGARETTE, HUH...
SO I JUST LIT IT UP.

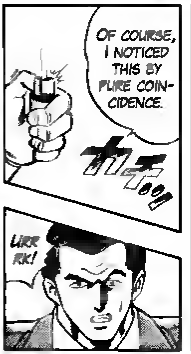
YOU SEE, AN ELECTRIC LIGHTER EMITS A KIND OF ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVE WHEN IT LIGHTS!
WHAT ABOUT THE LIGHTER?
I'VE GOT IT! THAT LIGHTER...
WHICH MEANS THAT ITS MAGNETISM IS A REACTION TO THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVE!
THE NEEDLE MOVED WHEN IT LIT!
THAT ELEC-TRIC LIGHTER CAUSED IT!!
JUST WATCH!
I KNEW IT...
HUH!?

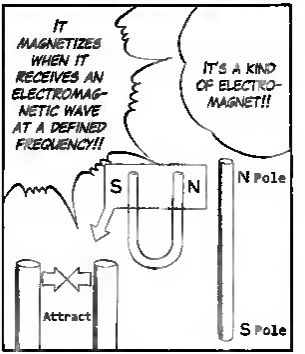
SHIBUYA PHARMACEUTICAL
GWAHA HAHAHA! I SEE! SO YOU'VE DONE IT!!
KODA, HER SHOCK SYMPTOMS WEREN'T A SIDE EFFECT OF YOUR DRUG AFTER ALL!
BUT, WHAT'S THE NEEDLE FOR...?
HERE'S FIFTY MILLION YEN!
YOU'VE REALLY DONE A LOT FOR US, DOCTOR. NOW, AS PROMISED...
THANKS.
BUT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT TRUST IN KODA'S DRUG WILL DRASTICALLY FALL.
OF COURSE, WE WOULD'VE BEEN JUST AS PLEASED IF YOU'D LET HER DIE.
HEHEHE
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU TOLD ME?
BY THE WAY, WHAT WAS THAT NEEDLE?

I CAN EXPLAIN THAT FOR YOU!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...!?
EVEN I HAD A ROUGH TIME TRYING TO EXPLAIN THIS!
THIS NEEDLE...
IS LIKE A POISONED TUBE!!
HE'S THE SHARP ONE...!!
AHH!!
I...IS THAT!?
YOU'VE PULLED A REALLY ELABORATE SCHEME, HAVEN'T YOU?


AND THIS U-SHAPED METALLIC COIL IS A MAGNET!!
I DISASSEMBLED IT... AND FOUND THAT IT WAS COMPOSED OF A SUPERFINE POISONED TUBE AND A U-SHAPED METALLIC COIL...

WHEN SOMEONE ELSE EMITS AN ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE WITH A REMOTE CONTROL...
IN OTHER WORDS...


OF COURSE, I NOTICED THIS BY PURE COINCIDENCE.
TIT
URR RK!


IT MAGNETIZES WHEN IT RECEIVES AN ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE AT A DEFINED FREQUENCY!!
IT'S A KIND OF ELECTRO-MAGNET!!
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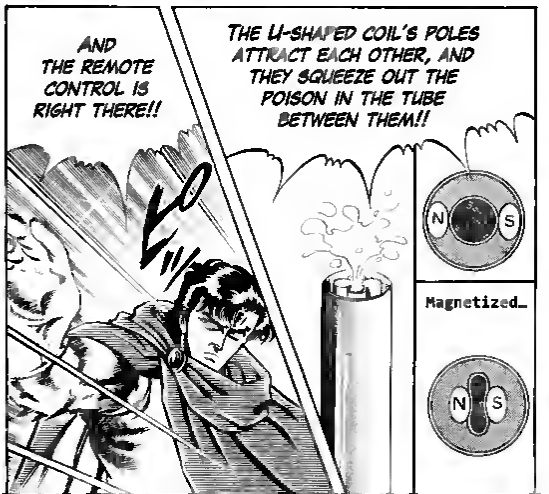
WAA AUGH...


AND THE REMOTE CONTROL IS RIGHT THERE!!
THE U-SHAPED COIL'S POLES ATTRACT EACH OTHER, AND THEY SQUEEZE OUT THE POISON IN THE TUBE BETWEEN THEM!!
N
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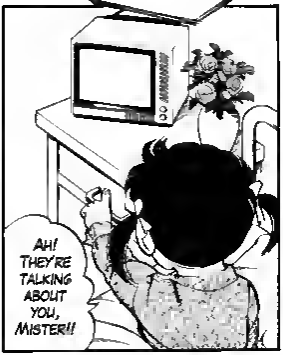
Magnetized...
N
S

SQUEEZING OUT THE POISON IN THE TUBE AND INJECTING IT INTO THE GIRL'S BODY...
YOU PRESSED THE BUTTON ON THE REMOTE CONTROL IMMEDIATELY AFTER KODA'S DRUG WAS ADMINISTERED...
IT WAS YOU!!
ALL TO MAKE IT OUT TO BE A SIDE EFFECT OF KODA'S DRUG!!
HMPF! THERE ARE PLENTY OF POISONS OUT THERE THAT DON'T RESPOND TO MODERN MEDICINE'S EXAMINATIONS!
BESIDES, SHE DIDN'T TEST POSITIVE FOR ANY DRUGS IN HER EXAMINATION!!
HAHAHA HAHA! YOU MUST BE JOKING!
NOW... NOW, NOW! WHY DON'T WE SETTLE THIS ON THE DOWN-LOW..?
I MANAGED TO TEST FOR A SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE DRUG. NO, POISON RESPONSE!
BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME! I'M A PHARMA-COLOGIST!!
Certificate
I CAN OFFER YOU PLENTY OF THAT!!
OH, I KNOW! MONEY!! LET'S RESOLVE THIS WITH MONEY...

YOU HAVE NO EXCUSE.
IS THIS WHAT'S BECOME OF YOU!?
PHARMACEUTICALS ARE SUPPOSED TO HELP PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM DISEASES.
SO HOW ABOUT IT?
IT'LL BE MORE MONEY THAN YOU'LL EVER SEE IN YOUR LIFETIME!!
DESPICABLE... HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT...?
THIS IS A COMPULSORY INVESTIGATION!!
SEARCH WARRANT
POLICE!!
MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO COME TO...
!?
ATTEMPTED MURDER, AND BRIBERY!!
YOU ARE UNDER SUSPICION OF VIOLATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL AFFAIRS ACT.

This drug is sure to be good news for people suffering from not only thrombosis, but also chronic heart disease and brain disorders!!
Now we have some good news! A new drug that can cure thrombosis has just been developed!! The developer is Mr. Koda Naokazu of Oshima Pharmaceuticals...

HEHEHE... IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL YOU'RE ALL BETTER!
YOU REALLY KEPT YOUR PROMISE AFTER ALL!!


AH! THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU, MISTER!!

BUT THIS IS ALL THANKS TO YOU, KAZUYA...!!
ALL THOSE YEARS OF RESEARCH HAVE PAID OFF... I ALMOST GAVE UP AT ONE POINT...

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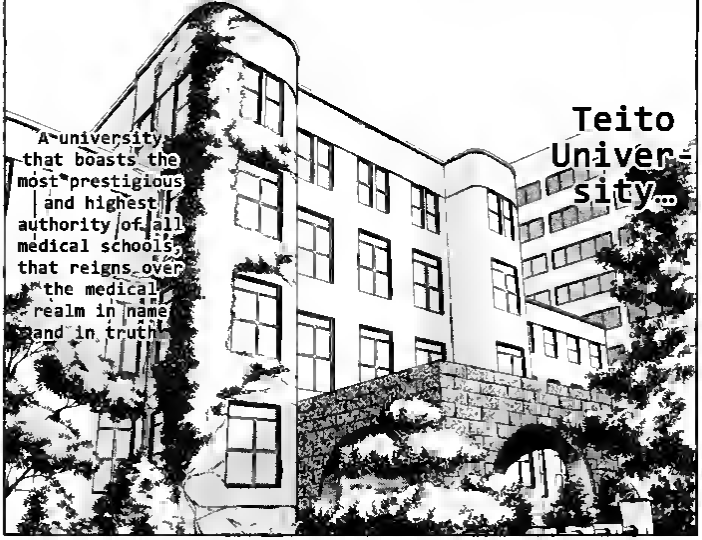
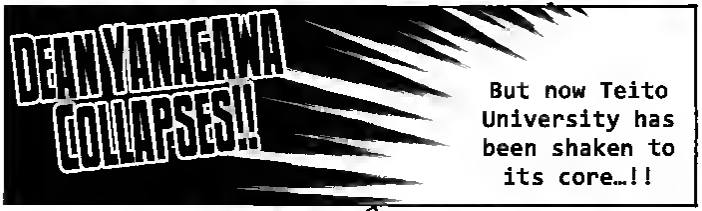
CHAPTER 19

CHART 20: THE TRUTH OF EIGHT YEARS AGO

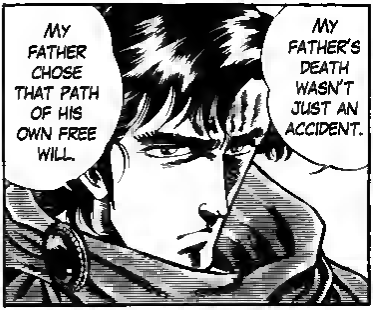

A university that boasts the most prestigious and highest authority of all medical schools, that reigns over the medical realm in name and in truth!
Teito Univer-sity…


DEAN YANAGAWA COLLAPSES!!
But now Teito University has been shaken to its core…!!

I CAN'T EVEN TAKE MY TIME TO REST AND RECOVER!
THEY'RE ALL MAKING SUCH A FUSS OVER IT…
The Race for His Successor Has Already Begun!
The Top Man of Japanese Medicine Collapses!
Dean Yanagawa's Concerning Condition!!

TO ASK FOR TREATMENT...
NOW YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I FEEL SAFE.
THAT'S HOW INTRIGUED THEY ARE ABOUT WHO MY SUCCESSOR WILL BE!
THE MEDIA AND MY SUBORDINATES ARE ALL WATCHING MY EVERY MOVE.
DEAN...
KAZUYA...
WE TRULY LOST A GOOD MAN..
YOUR FATHER WAS LUCKY IN THAT REGARD
HE HAD SUCH A FINE SUCCESSOR AS YOU..
AT MY AGE, I'VE COME TO REALIZE THAT THERE'S NOTHING SO TROUBLING..
AS CHOOSING A SUCCESSOR...

YOUR FATHER... KAZUOKI WAS WORTHY OF SITTING AS DEAN OF TEITO UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL SCHOOL...
THAT MAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE STANDING AT THE TOP OF THE MEDICAL SPHERE...!!


MY FATHER'S DEATH WASN'T JUST AN ACCIDENT.
MY FATHER CHOSE THAT PATH OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

IF NOT FOR THAT ACCIDENT ...!!

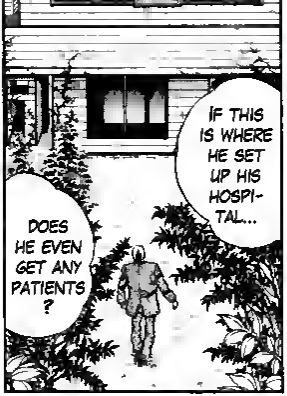
HE WAS MY FRIEND...
AND MY GREATEST RIVAL...

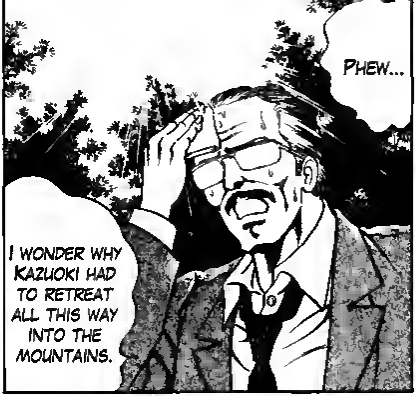
AND EVEN IF HE WERE ALIVE...
HE WOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN CENTER STAGE.

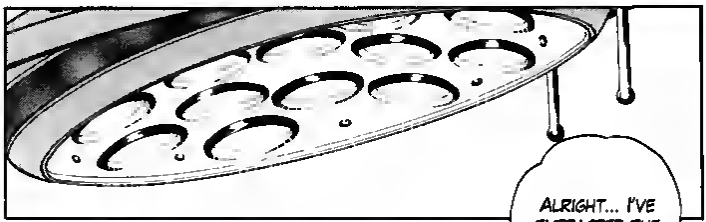
HEHE HE...
YOU'RE EVEN RESEMBLING KAZUOKI IN THE WAY YOU TALK.

AFTER GRADUATING, KAZUOKI LEFT FOR THE WORLD...
WHILE I REMAINED AT THE UNIVERSITY...
OF COURSE, KAZUOKI ALWAYS EXCELLED AS FAR AS GRADES WENT... I JUST COULDN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO HIM...
WE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT MEDICINE.
BUT... STRANGELY ENOUGH, WE GOT ALONG WELL...
MEANWHILE, I TOOK THE PUBLIC ROUTE.
AFTER THAT, KAZUOKI NEVER ONCE SHOWED UP TO AN ACADEMIC CONFERENCE, AND NEVER TOOK CENTER STAGE...
THIS .. IS YOUR CHART, RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS SINCE KAZUOKI'S DEATH..
AND LOST MY OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND TO PATIENTS.
AT THE END OF IT ALL, I WAS SET UP AS DEAN

!?
A... ARE THESE SYMPTOMS ...!?
THEY'VE FINALLY SHOWN UP AFTER EIGHT YEARS.
THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF THAT ABOMINABLE ACCIDENT EIGHT YEARS AGO...
EIGHT YEARS AGO... THERE WAS AN ABOMINABLE INCIDENT THAT TOOK KAZUOKI'S LIFE..
YES...
IT WAS ABOUT THEN...
THAT I MET YOU, KAZUYA...
8 Years Ago March 1980

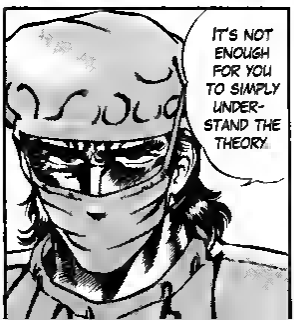

IF THIS IS WHERE HE SET UP HIS HOSPI-TAL...
DOES HE EVEN GET ANY PATIENTS?


PHEW...
I WONDER WHY KAZUOKI HAD TO RETREAT ALL THIS WAY INTO THE MOUNTAINS.


ALRIGHT... I'VE EXTRACTED THE CANCER LESION.

HUH... ON MY OWN!?

PHEW.
YOU CAN DO THE HEMOSTASIS AND SUTURING ON YOUR OWN, KAZUYA.


IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU TO SIMPLY UNDER-STAND THE THEORY.

YOU'RE KIDDING... I'VE SUPPORTED HIM BEFORE, BUT I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING ON MY OWN..
BY HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE!
AN OPERATION IS SOMETHING YOU LEARN
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I'M COUNTING ON YOU
HIS PULSE HAS DECLINED TO 40 IN THE PAST MINUTE!!
HUH ...!?
!!
R-WAVE
HEART RATE

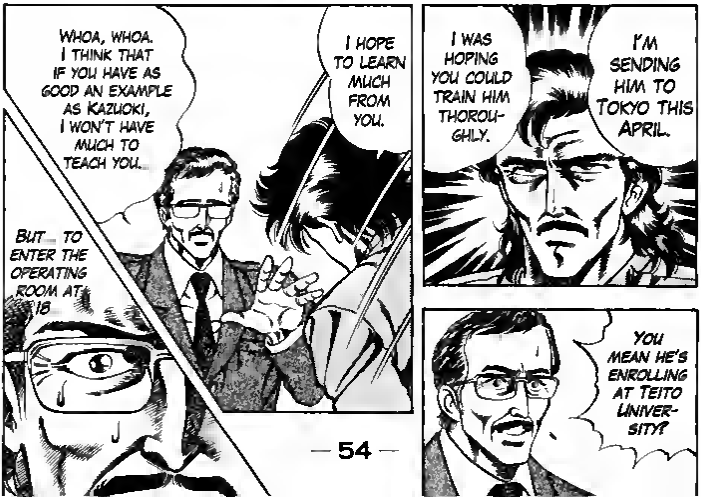
WHAT COULD'VE GONE WRONG!?
DON'T TELL ME THAT HE HAD AN INTERCURRENT HEART FAILURE !?
W- WHAT DO I DO!?
ATRO- PINE!!
ATRO- PINE!
IT'S THE ONE ON THE TOP- RIGHT!
F... FOUND IT!!
W... WHERE IS IT!?
ATRO... ATRO... I HAVE TO HURRY...!!
ATROPINE IS WHAT YOU USE TO PREVENT A DECLINING PULSE! THAT OUGHT TO BE FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE!!
INJECT HIM WITH 5MG OF ATROPINE!
A... ALRIGHT!

YOU'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO!
IT WOULD SEEM I HAVE MUCH TO TEACH YOU!
THANK GOOD-NESS.
Y...YOU'RE RIGHT! HIS PULSE IS NORMALI-ZING...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU PANICKED LIKE THAT!!
YOU FOOL!!
WAHAHA HAHAHA! KAZU-OKI!!
HEY!!
!?
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG! LET ME SEE YOUR FACE!!
YANA-GAWA!

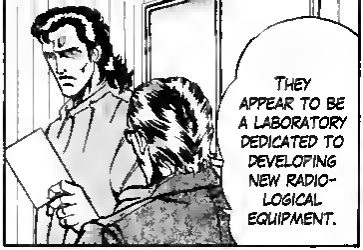
HEH... I SUPPOSE NOT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
NOW, IS THAT ANY WAY TO GREET A FRIEND AFTER TEN YEARS?
PLEASE, JUST DROP IT.
WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK TO TEITO UNIVERSITY AND FIGHT ON THE FRONT LINES WITH ME?
THIS IS PROFESSOR YANAGAWA FROM TEITO UNIVERSITY.
ALLOW ME TO INTRO-DUCE YOU.
AND THIS IS MY SON.
ガーン
?

HUH... HE'S...
STILL A CHILD!
I'M KAZUOKI'S SON, KAZUYA.
NICE TO MEET YOU.

YOU'RE HAVING HIM PRESENT AT AN OPERATION AT 18...!?
HE'LL BE 18 THIS YEAR.


WHOA, WHOA. I THINK THAT IF YOU HAVE AS GOOD AN EXAMPLE AS KAZUOKI, I WON'T HAVE MUCH TO TEACH YOU.
I HOPE TO LEARN MUCH FROM YOU.
BUT... TO ENTER THE OPERATING ROOM AT 18
I WAS HOPING YOU COULD TRAIN HIM THOROUGHLY.
I'M SENDING HIM TO TOKYO THIS APRIL.
YOU MEAN HE'S ENROLLING AT TEITO UNIVERSITY?

YES.
HAS IT METASTASIZED?
LIVER CANCER. WE'VE EXCISED TWO-THIRDS OF IT ALREADY.
BY THE WAY, WHAT KIND OF OPERATION WERE YOU PERFORMING?
THERE ARE SIGNS OF METASTASIS ON THE SPINE.
!?
ON THE SPINE...!? WELL, IF IT'S METASTASIZED TO THE SPINE, THEN HE'D HAVE A YEAR, AT BEST.
?
OH, I KNOW! THIS MAY HELP OUT!
HMM... IT'S DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE.
A YEAR AT BEST...?


THEY APPEAR TO BE A LABORATORY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING NEW RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT.

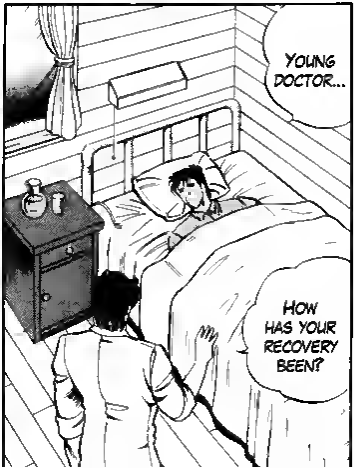
AN INVITATION FROM THE RADIOLOGY LABORATORY?

OH?

THEY MAY EVEN BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THE LOCATION OF A METASTASIS OF CANCER IN THE NEAR FUTURE!
IT SEEMS THAT THEY'RE DEVELOPING A GROUNDBREAKING MACHINE THAT USES MORE POWERFUL RADIATION THAN EVEN CT SCANS AND ISOTOPE THERAPY.

DID I HAVE CANCER?
YOUNG DOCTOR. PLEASE TELL ME

NO! NOT AT ALL...
HUH ...!?


YOUNG DOCTOR...
HOW HAS YOUR RECOVERY BEEN?

I'M UNDER CONSTANT PAIN... AND PRESSURE...
MY PAIN... ISN'T GETTING ANY BETTER...
BUT WE'VE TAKEN OUT ALL THE BAD PARTS.
IT COULD'VE JUST BEEN A MALIGNANT TUMOR.
T...THAT'S THE PAIN OF METASTASIS!!
YOUR PAIN WON'T SUBSIDE!?
IF IT'S METASTASIZED TO THE SPINE, HE HAS A YEAR TO LIVE, AT BEST...
IF ONLY... I COULD AT LEAST HEAL HIS PAIN...

AND WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING
WITH THAT MORPHINE!?
!?

I WANTED TO AT LEAST EASE HIS PAIN...
HE'S.. ONLY GOT A YEAR TO LIVE WITH THE METASTASIS, RIGHT!?

!!

HOW DO YOU KNOW HE ONLY HAS A YEAR LEFT?
THEN ISN'T IT BETTER THAT I EASE HIS PAIN WITH DRUGS THAN LET HIM SUFFER...?
WHY CAN'T I!? IF HE ONLY HAS A YEAR LEFT,
BE-CAUSE ...
THE CANCER CELLS HAVE ALREADY METASTASIZED TO HIS SPINE.
DON'T YOU TRY TO TREAT THE ME-TASTA-SIS!?
THEN WHY
AND METASTASIS TO THE SPINE DOES LOWER HIS CHANCES OF SURVIVAL!
YOU'RE RIGHT.. THE PAIN IS DUE TO METAS-TASIS!!
!!

But that said, resorting to morphine so easily
means admitting defeat as a doctor!
Remember this! A doctor exists for the sole purpose of saving lives!
Defeat as a doctor...?
You are trying to admit defeat
without even a fight!
What's wrong with admitting defeat!?
De-feat ...?
His metas-tasis
is beyond the point of no return!!
Are you suggesting that he spend...
the last year of his life in suffe-ring...!?

HE'S A MAN WHO'S PREPARED TO FIGHT DISEASE TO THE BITTER END.
I DON'T THINK HE'S GIVEN UP YET. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY.
DOC-TOR...
HE'S GOING TO OPERATE ON THAT PATIENT AGAIN!
HUH!?
NARCOTIC THERAPY ALSO ROBS THE PATIENT OF HIS USUAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND STRENGTH!
MORPHINE IS A DRASTIC MEDICINE. WHILE IT DOES REMOVE HIS PAIN,
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT MY FATHER IS THINKING!!
BUT... OPERATING ON HIM AGAIN IN HIS CONDITION IS TOO RECKLESS!
KAZUOKI REFUSES TO USE NARCOTICS TO LEAVE HIM WITH ENOUGH STRENGTH TO HANDLE A REOPERATION.

ON ATTENDING TEITO UNIVERSITY.
DR. YANAGAWA, I'M THINKING OF GIVING UP...
THEN I DON'T THINK I'M SUITED TO BE A DOCTOR...
IF WHAT MY FATHER SAYS IS TRUE...
YOU WERE YOUNG BACK THEN, WEREN'T YOU?
THAT THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED THAT TOOK MY FATHER'S LIFE...!!
IT WAS JUST AFTER THAT...

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MAFUNE KAZUO
THIS SCAPEL TATSES LIKE FREEDOM!!
THAT'S IT NO MORE STALLONE MOVIE MARATHONS K, YOU REMEBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME.
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CHAPTER 20

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CHART 21: FATHER KAZUOKI'S TEACHINGS

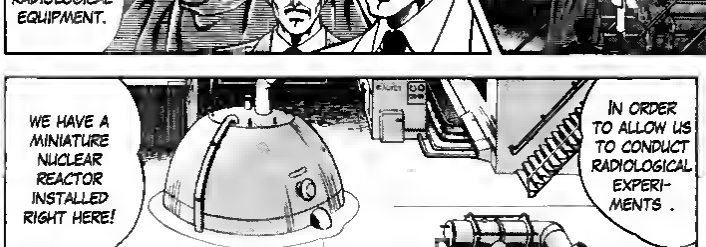
Radiology
Development
Laboratory

THIS MAY GIVE ME A STARTING POINT TO A TREATMENT METHOD FOR THAT CANCER PATIENT...
YES.
OHHHH! WELL, THIS LOOKS LIKE A FINE BUILDING!!
I KNEW IT...
HE'S GOING TO REOPERATE ON THAT PATIENT!!

HOW CALLOUS HE IS!!
I JUST CAN'T ACCEPT
BUT STILL...
HE WON'T GIVE HIM ANY MORPHINE AS A PAIN-KILLER...
IF MY FATHER'S METHODS ARE HOW A REAL DOCTOR DOES THINGS...
DON'T WANT TO BE A DOCTOR!!
THEN I...
IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO HAVE A TEITO PROFESSOR HERE!!
WELCOME TO OUR CENTER!!
ALRIGHT!
WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL TAKE THE TIME TO SEE EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF OUR CENTER!!
OHHHH!! IF IT ISN'T PROFESSOR YANAGAWA!!
YES.

WE'RE THE FIRST NUCLEAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN THE COUNTRY...
THIS CENTER WAS FOUNDED WITH THE PURPOSE OF TESTING AND IMPLEMENTING NUCLEAR ENERGY...

AND PART OF OUR JOB INVOLVES DEVELOPING RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT.


WE HAVE A MINIATURE NUCLEAR REACTOR INSTALLED RIGHT HERE!
IN ORDER TO ALLOW US TO CONDUCT RADIOLOGICAL EXPERI-MENTS .

THE RADIATION ISN'T GOING TO LEAK...
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ズズ...
HAHAHAHAHA! THIS CENTER WAS DESIGNED WITH A HIGH EMPHASIS ON SAFETY...
THAT'S A RATHER RISKY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT YOU HAVE.
NUCLEAR REACTOR!?

IT'S AN EARTH-QUAKE!
WE'RE SHAK-ING!!
W... WHAT'S THAT!?
!?
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CRACK!
CRACK!
CRACK!
IT'S A VERTICAL QUAKE!!
I-IT'S A BIG ONE!!
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AAAA

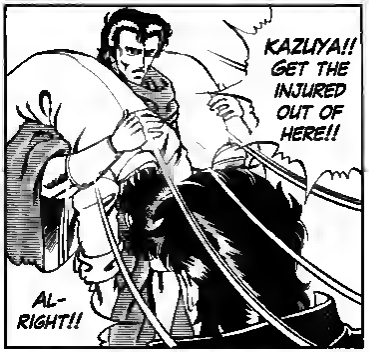
Near-Field Earthquake Magnitude 7

WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN!?
COUGH! COUGH!!
WHY...
W...
S... SOME-HOW...
KAZUYA!! ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
DOCTOR. PLEASE, STAY WITH US!!
...DR. YANAGA-WA...!!
AL-RIGHT !!
ADMINISTER FIRST AID IMMEDI-ATELY!!
GATHER THE IN-JURED!!

THERE'S BEEN AN EXPLO-SION...
ON THE SAME FLOOR AS THE NUCLEAR REACTOR!!
W... WE'VE GOT TROUBLE...
WHAT!?
WHAT!? I THOUGHT IT WAS PERFECTLY SAFE!!
COULD START LEAKING RADIA-TION!!
THIS COULD MEAN THAT THE NUCLEAR REAC-TOR...
IN CASE AN EMERGENCY LIKE THIS SHOULD HAPPEN!!
IT'S ALRIGHT! THIS FACIL-ITY IS FULLY PREPARED

THE DOORS AND WALLS SURROUNDING THE NUCLEAR REACTOR ARE MADE OF LEAD TO BLOCK RADIATION... AS LONG AS WE SHUT THIS DOOR, WE'LL BE SAFE!!
NOW GET OUT OF HERE IMMEDIATELY!

DR. YANAGAWA!! HANG IN THERE!!


KAZUYA!! GET THE INJURED OUT OF HERE!!
AL-RIGHT!!

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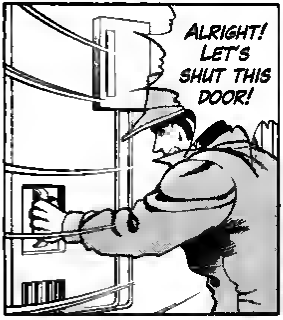
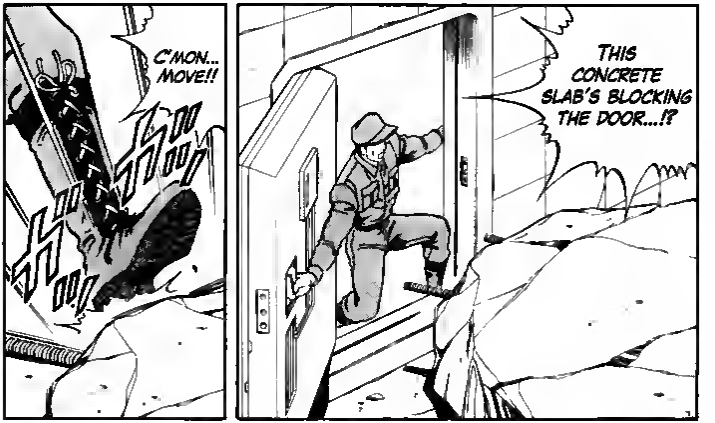
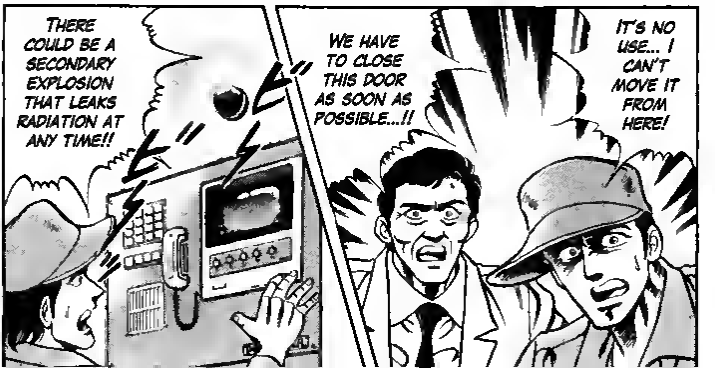

ALRIGHT! LET'S SHUT THIS DOOR!

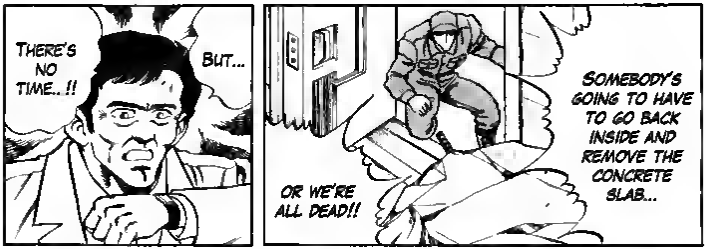
EVERY-ONE'S OUT!!

WHAT THE...!?

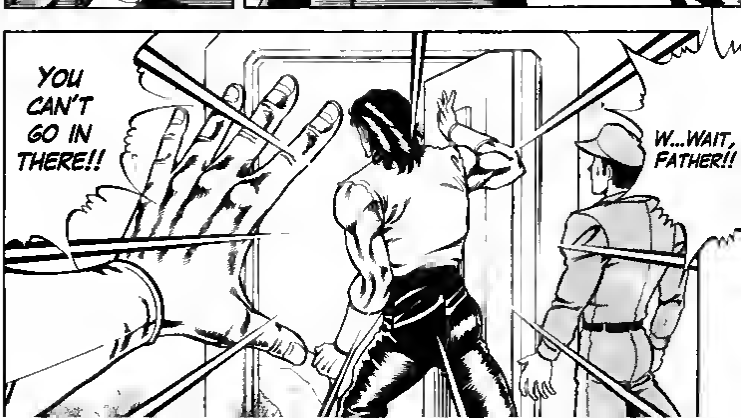

C'MON... MOVE!!
THIS CONCRETE SLAB'S BLOCKING THE DOOR...!?


THERE COULD BE A SECONDARY EXPLOSION THAT LEAKS RADIATION AT ANY TIME!!
WE HAVE TO CLOSE THIS DOOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...!!
IT'S NO USE... I CAN'T MOVE IT FROM HERE!

URK...!!
IF WE DON'T CLOSE THIS DOOR, THE RADIATION WILL GET INTO THIS ROOM...
DAMN. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
BUT WE CAN'T EVEN BUDGE IT FROM THE OUTSIDE...
EXPOSING EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM TO DANGER!!


THERE'S NO TIME..!!
BUT...
OR WE'RE ALL DEAD!!
SOMEBODY'S GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK INSIDE AND REMOVE THE CONCRETE SLAB...

!?
FATHER ..?

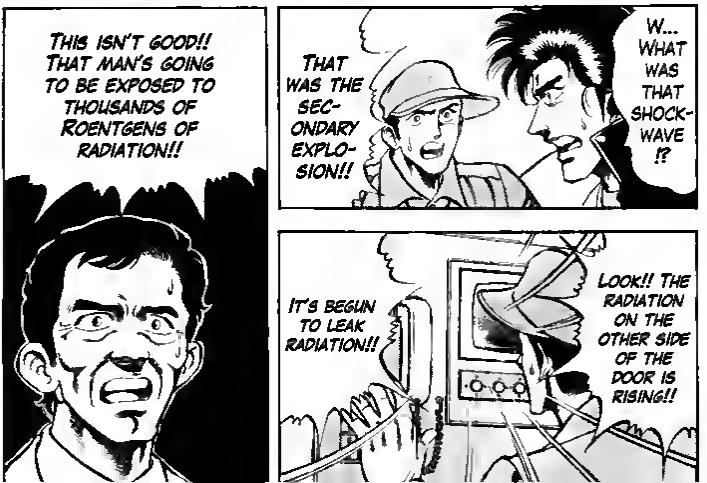

YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!!
W...WAIT, FATHER!!

FATHER...
HMPF...
LOOKS LIKE.. THIS DOOR WON'T CLOSE UNTIL THE RUBBLE IS COMPLETELY REMOVED.
NUUO OOOO OOOO UGH...
FATHER...

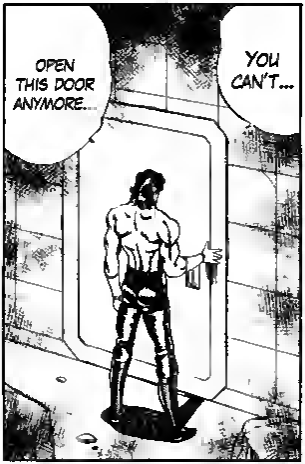
FATHER!!
THE SECONDARY EXPLOSION COULD HAPPEN ANY SECOND NOW!!
WE HAVE TO HURRY...
GUOOO OOOOO HHHH...

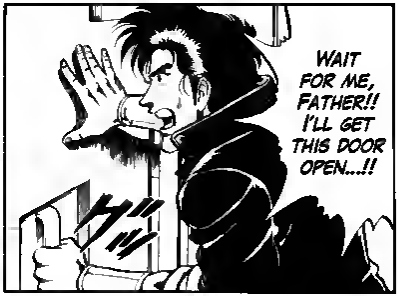
H...HE DID IT!!
NN NGH!!
!?
WHOA...!!

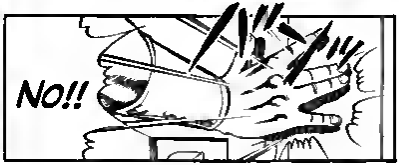
HUH ...!?
GUOO OUUUG GH...!!
SLAM!!


THIS ISN'T GOOD!! THAT MAN'S GOING TO BE EXPOSED TO THOUSANDS OF ROENTGENS OF RADIATION!!
THAT WAS THE SEC-ONDARY EXPLO-SION!!
W... WHAT WAS THAT SHOCK-WAVE !?
IT'S BEGUN TO LEAK RADIATION!!
LOOK!! THE RADIATION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR IS RISING!!

IF SOMEONE'S EXPOSED TO OVER FIVE THOUSAND ROENTGENS OF RADIATION AT ONCE, IT'LL DAMAGE THEIR CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM...
AND CAUSE RESPIRATORY PARALYSIS!!


YOU CAN'T...
OPEN THIS DOOR ANYMORE...


WAIT FOR ME, FATHER!! I'LL GET THIS DOOR OPEN...!!


NO!!

THE RADIATION WILL PERMEATE THAT ROOM IN NO TIME AT ALL...
WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF YOU OPEN THE DOOR EVEN FOR A SECOND?
NOT ONLY HAS THAT EXPLOSION CAUSED RADIATION TO LEAK INTO THIS ROOM, IT'S ALSO INCREASED THE AIR PRESSURE

WHAT DO I DO...?
FATHER...!! GET OUT OF THERE!!
NO!!
THERE ARE SO MANY INJURED PEOPLE HERE!!
HOW ARE THE INJURED!? WHAT'S DR. YANAGAWA'S CONDITION LIKE!?
DON'T PANIC, KAZUYA!! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TREAT THEM YOURSELF!!
HE'S BLEEDING FROM HIS FEMUR, ALMOST LIKE AN OCEAN OF BLOOD!!
BLEEDING HEAVILY... AND CONSIDERABLY WEAKENED!!
DR. YANAGAWA'S...
KAZUYA... YOU HAVE TO TREAT HIM IMMEDIATELY!!
THAT'S NOT GOOD...

AND WHY DO YOU EVEN HAVE TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF!?
PLEASE, DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!! THAT'S NOT AN INJURY I CAN HANDLE ON MY OWN!!
I'm... a doctor.
Even if... I have to sacrifice my own life to do it!!
And doctors exist for the sole purpose of saving lives!!

A DOCTOR...
EXISTS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE... OF SAVING LIVES...
.....
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN THAT ROOM WHO HAS A KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINE.. AND WHO CAN SAVE THE PATIENTS!!
NOW, KAZUYA! TAKE UP THE SCALPEL!!
FATHER!!
.....

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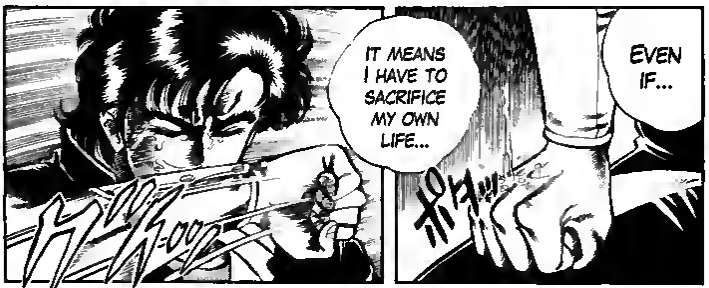
IT MEANS I HAVE TO SACRIFICE MY OWN LIFE...
EVEN IF...

FATHER...
I UNDER-STAND...

GIVE ME DIRECTIONS!!
NOW, FATHER...
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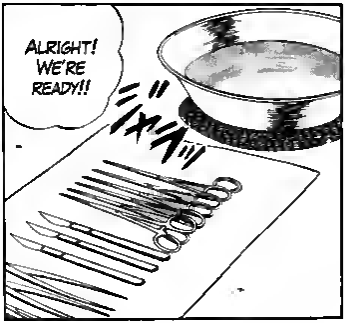
CHART 22: FATHER'S SPIRIT

THERE'S SEVERE BLEEDING FROM HIS RIGHT FEMUR!!
WHAT'S THE CONDITION OF YANAGAWA'S INJURY!?
HE MUST HAVE CUT HIS FEMORAL ARTERY!!
THAT'S NOT GOOD...
ALRIGHT!!
HURRY !!
FEMORAL ARTERY !?
IF THAT'S BROKEN, HE'LL BLEED OUT IN A FEW MINUTES!!
IT'S A VESSEL THE WIDTH OF A BALLPOINT PEN THAT RUNS THROUGH HIS FEMUR!

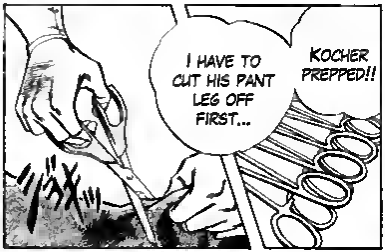
YES, RIGHT HERE...
YOU DEVELOP MEDICAL EQUIPMENT HERE, DON'T YOU!? YOU OUGHT TO HAVE A SET OF SURGICAL TOOLS!!

YES...

NOW, FATHER!!


ALRIGHT! WE'RE READY!!

I GOT IT... I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!


I HAVE TO CUT HIS PANT LEG OFF FIRST...
KOCHER PREPPED!!

YOU HAVE TO TEMPORA-RILY LIGATE IT WITH A KOCHER...!!
ARTERIAL BLEEDING HAS TO BE COMPLETELY SUTURED TO STOP!!
RIGHT

KCH!!
THAT'S SOME HEAVY BLEEDING! IT GOT THAT BAD JUST REMOVING THE TOWEL AND PANTS...

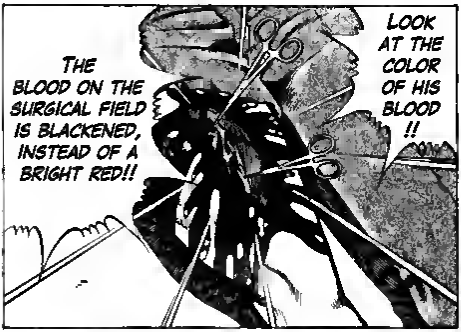
I KNOW!!
THERE'S NO TIME LEFT!!
YOU HAVE TO MAKE AN INCISION INTO THE WOUND AND GET TO THE BROKEN ARTERY TO GET A BETTER LOOK AT THE AFFECTED AREA!
KAZUYA!! DON'T LOOK AWAY!! TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE WOUND!!

DAMN...
I CAN'T WATCH...
ULLP...
WHAT A BOY..
HE'S TRYING TO TREAT HIM, DESPITE THE BLEEDING BEING SO BAD WE ADULTS CAN'T EVEN WATCH..
AND THE SAME GOES FOR HIS FATHER, WHO'S MAKING HIM DO IT..
HUFF
HUFF

THE SIDE CLOSER TO THE HEART!!
LIGATE THE KOCHER ON THE PROXIMAL SIDE OF THE ARTERY...
AL-RIGHT!!
I'VE FOUND IT!!
THERE...
LIGATE THE DISTAL SIDE OF THE ARTERY...
NEXT...
N...
WHAT NEXT ...!?
WHAT NEXT, FATHER. !?
HOW'S THIS!?
AL-RIGHT...
HE SAYS LIGATE THE DISTAL SIDE OF THE ARTERY!

ALRIGHT... HE MIGHT JUST MAKE IT!!
THE BLEEDING STOPPED...

I...IT STOPPED...


THE BLOOD ON THE SURGICAL FIELD IS BLACKENED, INSTEAD OF A BRIGHT RED!!
LOOK AT THE COLOR OF HIS BLOOD !!

WE CAN'T REST EASY YET!!
NO...!

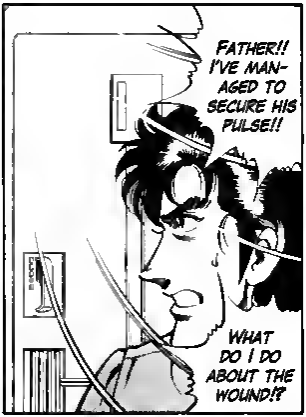
HIS PULSE AND BREATHING HAVE WEAKENED, TOO!!

FATHER!! WHAT DO I DO NOW!?

BLACKENED BLOOD IS A SYMPTOM THAT OCCURS AFTER EXCESSIVE BLOOD LOSS...

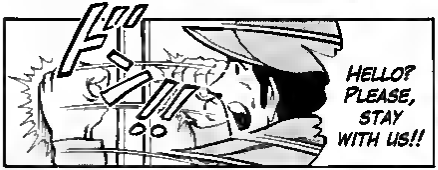
HE'S WEAKENING FROM THE RADIATION !!
HIS VOICE... THE VOICE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR IS GETTING FAINTER...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
UNN NGH...
I'LL HAVE TO FOCUS HIS BLOOD TO HIS HEART!!
FOR NOW...
WHAT DO I DO TO SECURE HIS PULSE..?
HIS PULSE IS WEAKE-NING...
AND FOCUS THE BLOOD AROUND HIS HEART!!
THAT'LL KEEP THE BLOOD FROM FLOWING TO THE DISTAL REGION
THEN WE'LL TIE OFF HIS ANKLES WITH STRING!!
LET'S RAISE THE PATIENT'S LEGS!

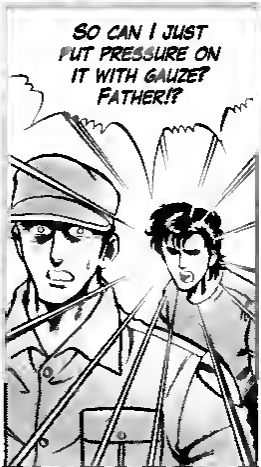
THERE'S NO ANSWER...


FATHER!! I'VE MANAGED TO SECURE HIS PULSE!!
WHAT DO I DO ABOUT THE WOUND!?

FATHER!! WHAT DO I DO!?

...BUT DON'T WORRY... IF YOU'VE STOPPED THE BLEEDING WITH A KOCHER... HE SHOULD BE SAFE FOR THIRTY... M.. MINUTES...
YOU CAN'T... SUTURE THE ARTERY... H...HERE...

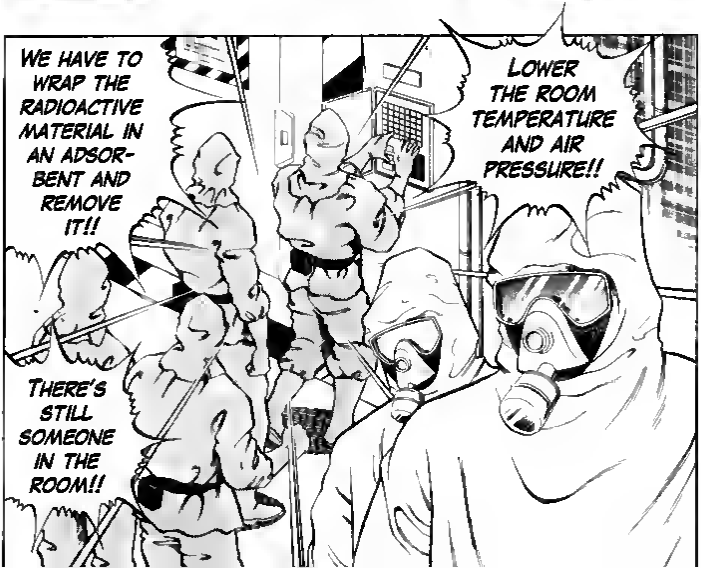

HELLO? PLEASE, STAY WITH US!!


SO CAN I JUST PUT PRESSURE ON IT WITH GAUZE? FATHER!?

T-THERE'S NO ANSWER....

I'LL HANDLE ALL THE ONES THAT NEED EMERGENCY FIRST AID!!
HOW ABOUT THE OTHER INJURED!?
AN ICE PACK WILL DO!!
AND SOMETHING THAT WE CAN COOL IT WITH!!
KEEP IT STILL AND COOL IT!!
THIS IS... A BRUISE!!
FIND SOMETHING WE CAN USE AS A SPLINT!!
THIS IS... A FRACTURE!!
..FATHER...
I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE INJURED!!

NOW I CAN GO IN PEACE...
YOU'VE REALLY COME A LONG WAY...
KAZUYA...


WE HAVE TO WRAP THE RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN AN ADSOR-BENT AND REMOVE IT!!
LOWER THE ROOM TEMPERATURE AND AIR PRESSURE!!
THERE'S STILL SOMEONE IN THE ROOM!!

LOOK...!! THERE HE IS!!
HURRY!!
URR RK!!
HE'S ALREADY ...!!
W- WE'RE TOO LATE...

WE'RE SORRY...
BY THE TIME WE FOUND HIM, HE ALREADY HAD RESPIRATORY PARALYSIS, AND ALL HIS VITAL FUNCTIONS HAD STOPPED

OUR LIVES.
WE ALL OWE HIM...
WE WOULD'VE ALL BEEN EXPOSED TO RADIA-TION...
IF HE HADN'T REMOVED THE RUBBLE...
Even if it means I have to sacrifice my own life...
A doctor exists for the sole purpose of saving lives...
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR FAVORITE PHRASE MEANS... I'VE CHOSEN THE PATH I OUGHT TO TAKE...!!
FATHER...
FATHER...

I WILL BECOME A DOCTOR!!
AS YOUR SON, I WILL INHERIT YOUR PASSION! I WILL ACCEPT YOUR LAST WISH!!
...
IMPOSSIBLE...!! HIS VITAL FUNCTIONS HAVE ALL STOPPED... HE CAN'T HAVE SMILED!!
IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE HE JUST SMILED... BUT ISN'T HE DEAD!?
HUH!?

FAREWELL.
FATHER, I'M GOING TO TOKYO TO STUDY UNDER DR. YANAGAWA...
AFTER THAT... YOU ENROLLED AT TEITO UNIVERSITY, DISTINGUISHED YOURSELF AS A YOUNG YET PRODIGIOUS DOCTOR IN THE FIRST DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY, LED BY PROFESSOR YANAGAWA, ACHIEVED SUCH RESULTS THAT YOU WERE KNOWN AS A MIRACLE OF TEITO UNIVERSITY, AND PARTICULARLY CALLED A PROFESSIONAL OF ORGAN TRANSPLANTS...
AFTER GRADUATION, YOU LEFT THE UNIVERSITY JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER, KAZUOKI...
THEN YOU VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE...
AND THAT...
BRINGS US TO TODAY...
HEHEHE... IT'S JUST LIKE YOU'RE KAZUOKI ALL OVER AGAIN.

BY THE WAY,
THAT CANCER PATIENT THAT HAD A METASTASIS IN HIS SPINE... WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
AFTER I GRADUATED, I OPERATED ON HIM MULTIPLE TIMES...
AND CURED HIM.
HE WAS A PATIENT MY FATHER TRULY WANTED HEALED..
I SEE.
IT'S A RELIEF FOR ME TO KNOW THAT YOU'VE INHERITED KAZUOKI'S WILL.
I'VE... MANAGED TO SURVIVE THIS LONG SINCE YOU SAVED MY LIFE AFTER THE ACCIDENT...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE MY TIME IS UP...
KAZUOKI WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS EXPOSED TO RADIATION IN THAT ACCIDENT.
IT SEEMS THAT SO WAS I.

IT'S MULTIPLE CANCER DUE TO RADIATION.
TRUE.
YOU CAN TELL FROM MY CHART THAT I HAVE CANCER DUE TO RADIATION SICKNESS...
I WON'T HAVE MUCH LONGER NOW. I'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO JOIN KAZUOKI
AND BECAUSE RADIATION WAS THE CAUSE, MY CHANCES OF TREATMENT AT THIS POINT ARE SLIM...
JOB?
YOU STILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT JOB LEFT UNDONE!
YOU CAN'T PASS AWAY JUST YET!
NO!
!?
TO RAISE YOUR OWN SUCCESSOR!!
IT'S...

I'M THE MAN WHO WAS TAUGHT BY THE TWO GREATEST DOCTORS IN JAPAN!
I WON'T LET YOU DIE!!
WHAT MY SYMPTOMS ARE!
BUT... AS A DOCTOR, YOU SHOULD KNOW
DOCTOR... PLEASE DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME!
NOW,
WHAT A MAN YOU ARE...
OPERATING
YOU KNOW WHERE TO...
LET'S GO!

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CHART 23: UNEXPECTED NEWS

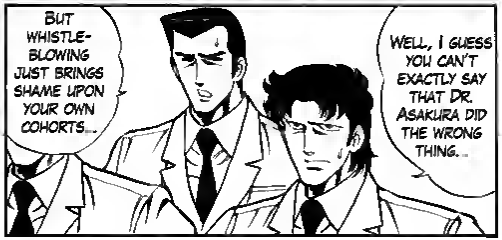
OPERATING
Seikai University
PITUITARY FORCEPS!
HIS BRAIN IS SOMEWHAT INFLAMED... CHECK HIS RESPIRATION...
GIVE HIM AN INTRACRANIAL DEPRESSOR!
HIS INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE IS SLIGHTLY RISING...

MICRO-SCOPE READY! HERE I GO!!
THIS IS IT...
EXTRACTION COMPLETE!!
カチッ
HE DID IT!
HE DID IT... IT'S A SUCCESS!!
I'LL LET YOU HANDLE THE FINAL PROCEDU-RES!
THAT WAS IMPRES-SIVE...
HE'S GOT SUCH TRE-MENDOUS SKILL!!

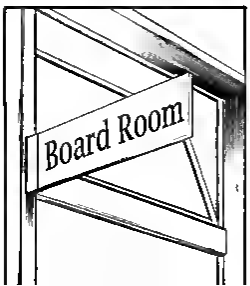
HMPF!
WHOA...
サッ!!
HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT DR. ASAKURA'S OPERATION TODAY.?
OF COURSE I DID! HE HANDLED A DIFFICULT PATIENT WITHOUT A CARE...
FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THERE'S NO ONE AT SEIKAI UNIVERSITY WHO CAN HOLD A CANDLE TO DR. ASAKURA.
HE'S GOT SKILLS THAT COULD'VE GOTTEN HIM FAR IN THE WORLD!
BUT..
HE'S GOING TO BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER FOREVER
IF ONLY HE HADN'T DONE THAT..
HE WOULD'VE STAYED HIS COURSE FOR SUCCESS.. AND EARNED HIS TENURE AS A PROFESSOR IN THE FUTURE!

DR. A OF THE UNIVERSITY BLOWS THE WHISTLE!
Selling Organs on the Black Market for Profit!!
Seikau University Professor Involved in Organ Trafficking!!
Medical Ethics Called Into Question!

THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL HONESTY TO A FAULT


BUT WHISTLE-BLOWING JUST BRINGS SHAME UPON YOUR OWN COHORTS...
WELL, I GUESS YOU CAN'T EXACTLY SAY THAT DR. ASAKURA DID THE WRONG THING..

FROM WHAT I HEAR, THE EXECUTIVES ARE PRETTY ENRAGED AT HIM AS WELL.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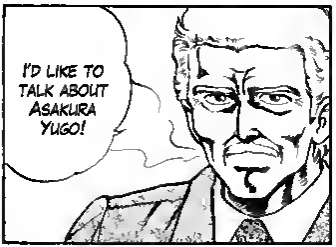
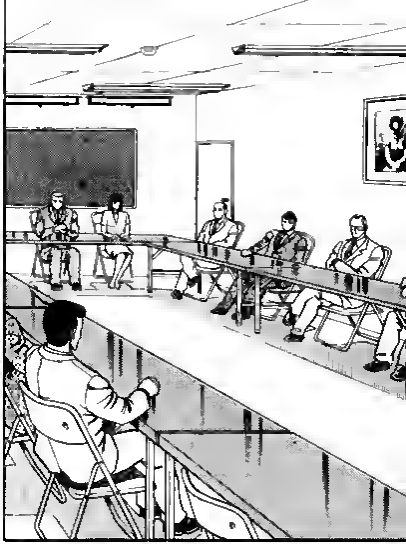
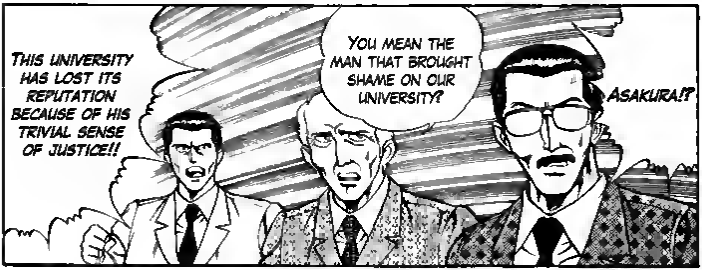
WE COULD END UP GETTING DRAGGED INTO HIS MESS IF WE ASSOCIATE WITH HIM.

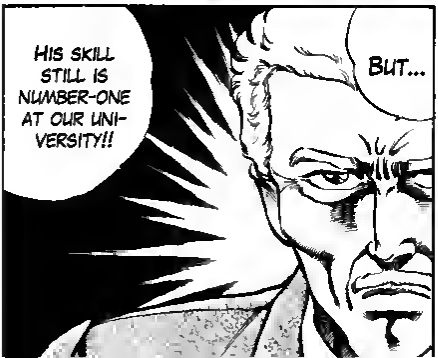
WITH THAT ATTITUDE OF HIS, HE'LL BE AN ORDINARY RESIDENT FOR LIFE..

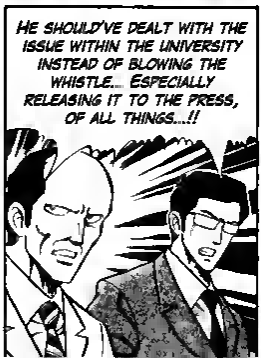
NOW... FOR TODAY'S AGENDA...


I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ASAKURA YUGO!




THIS UNIVERSITY HAS LOST ITS REPUTATION BECAUSE OF HIS TRIVIAL SENSE OF JUSTICE!!
YOU MEAN THE MAN THAT BROUGHT SHAME ON OUR UNIVERSITY?
ASAKURA!?


HIS SKILL STILL IS NUMBER-ONE AT OUR UNIVERSITY!!
BUT...


HE SHOULD'VE DEALT WITH THE ISSUE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY INSTEAD OF BLOWING THE WHISTLE... ESPECIALLY RELEASING IT TO THE PRESS, OF ALL THINGS...!!

MAY HAVE BEEN GOING TOO FAR.
IT'S TRUE THAT BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON HIS DIRECT SUPERIOR FOR BEING INVOLVED IN ORGAN TRAFFICKING...
PLUS, HIS MINDSET IS QUITE ADMIRABLE.
ASAKURA'S SURGICAL SKILLS HAVE DEVELOPED TO A GLOBAL LEVEL.
IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO KEEP SUCH TALENT AS HIS BURIED FOREVER!!
THAT SAID..
I NOMINATE HIM AS CHIEF OF SURGERY!
SO WHAT IS THAT CHANCE GOING TO BE, PRESIDENT!?
I SEE... SO YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE...
CHIEF OF SURGERY!?
I WILL HAVE HIM BE THE MANAGER OF THE ENTIRE SURGICAL DEPARTMENT!

AND TO THE WORLD.
KEEPING HIM BURIED WOULD BE TOO GREAT A LOSS TO THE UNIVERSITY,
I AM GOING TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE TO TAKE CENTER STAGE!
BY APPOINTING HIM AS CHIEF OF SURGERY..
HE'S PROBABLY COOLED HIS HEAD BY NOW.
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL YOU'RE BEING SOFT ON HIM.
BUT...
NOW, DON'T BE THAT WAY!
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I'M SORRY, DR TAKASHINA,
FOR ASKING YOU TO BABYSIT...
AHA!
AHA!
HAHAHAHA... YOU'RE SUCH A BIG STRONG BOY!!
THANK GOODNESS! UP YOU GO!!
DAAAAAA!
NO, I DON'T MIND AT ALL!
I REALLY LOVE CHILDREN...
OW, OW, OW, OW, OW...!!
BDAAAAAAH!!
HAHAHA! YOU SAID IT...
I SWEAR... YOU'D NEVER GUESS THAT HE ONCE SUFFERED FROM FETAL HYDROCEPHALUS...
HE'S MY IRREPLACEABLE TREASURE..
HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT THEM BOTH...!!
I...
TO KILLING HIM FOR AN EXPERIMENT.
AND WE CAME SO CLOSE...

I WOULDN'T STAND FOR MY PROFESSOR TRAFFICKING ORGANS! I WOULD'VE BLOWN THE WHISTLE, TOO!!
BUT YOU DID THE RIGHT THING!!
ONLY THAT'S HOW YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT YOUR PROFESSOR'S SECRET.
ASAKURA...
HEHEHEHE... BUT BLOWING THE WHISTLE COST ME MY POSITION.
MAYBE...
WELL, YOU COULD AT LEAST GET SOME MONEY IF YOU OPENED UP A PRIVATE PRACTICE!
THEY DON'T EVEN ALLOW ME TO CONDUCT ANY RESEARCH. BUT I DON'T REGRET A THING! I'VE GAINED SOMETHING FAR BETTER THAN STATUS AT THE UNIVERSITY!!
DIDN'T YOUR WIFE'S FATHER FALL ILL RECENTLY? AND DOESN'T HE NEED A LOT TO COVER THE MEDICAL BILL?
WITH YOUR SKILL, YOU COULD BE THE KING OF YOUR CASTLE! YOU'LL BE RAKING IN MONEY!!

IT'S TRUE THAT MY FATHER-IN-LAW'S NOT DOING VERY WELL... AND THE MORE MONEY I HAVE, THE BETTER...
BUT TAKASHINA!! I WANT TO DO MY OWN RESEARCH!!
THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME.
BUT DON'T WORRY! I'LL MANAGE IT SOMEHOW!!
IT'S TRUE THAT HE CAN'T DO ANY MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS AS A PRIVATE PRACTITIONER..
YOU REALLY ARE A MEDICAL RESEARCHER, THROUGH AND THROUGH...
I JUST CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO YOU...
RRRRRR...
HONEY! IT'S FROM THE UNI-VERSITY!
?
HELLO! YES, THIS IS ASAKURA.
?

R... REALLY !?
I...I UNDERSTAND... THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
WHAT'S HAPPENED ?
ガチャン!!
H...HEY! TAKASHINA! IT'S HAPPENED!!
C... CHIEF OF SURGERY ...!?
I'VE...
BEEN NOMINA-TED AS CHIEF OF SURGERY!!

AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS ATTEND THE BOARD MEETING AND ACCEPT THE NOMINATION!
THEY'RE HAVING A BOARD MEETING TOMORROW WHERE THEY'LL FORMALLY DECIDE THAT!!
WAY TO GO!!
CONGRATULATIONS!!
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU CAN DO ALL THE RESEARCH YOU WANT AT THE CENTER STAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY AGAIN!!
IF YOU BECOME CHIEF OF SURGERY, YOUR SALARY WON'T BE TOO SHABBY...
DEHEHE HEHEHE HEHE .
YEAH!! YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET, HAVE YOU?
I SHOULD MAKE US A MEAL TO CELEBRATE!! WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN US, DR. TAKASHIHA?
THANKS .
THANK GOODNESS, ASAKURA... I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU...

IT'S ALRIGHT! YOU'RE WELCOME HERE ANYTIME YOU WANT!

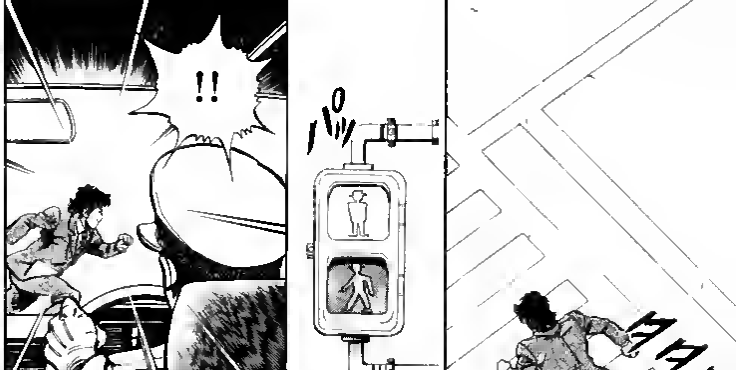
I'M REALLY SORRY.
I WASN'T PLANNING ON STAYING THE NIGHT...

!
GOODBYE! BEST OF LUCK, CHIEF OF SURGERY!!

CAN I OFFER YOU A RIDE?
NO, IT'S FINE I'M MEETING SOMEONE NEARBY HERE.

H...HEY, NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL!

THAT TAKA-SHINA...
STOP IT. YOU'RE EM-BARRASSING ME!!
THREE CHEERS FOR THE CHIEF OF SURGERY! HURRAH!!
HURRAH! HURRAH!!
I'VE GOTTA HURRY...
AL-RIGHT, NOW...
AND I'M RUNNING LATE!!
I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET UP WITH K THIS MORNING...
THAT K'S GONNA BE PRETTY ANGRY...
I'LL BET...
I'D LIKE TO GET YOUR ADVICE ON ONE OF MY PATIENTS...
IT WOULD BE REAL RUDE IF I CALLED HIM UP ONLY TO SHOW UP LATE!
I CAN MAKE IT!!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IDIOT
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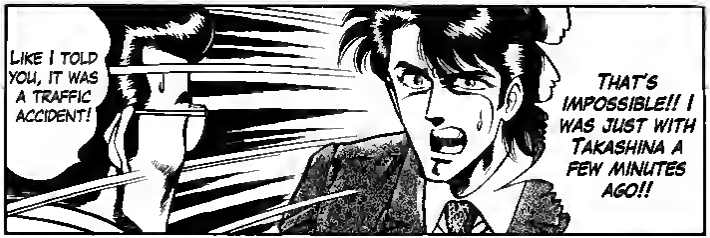
K
....!!
ASAKURA
....!!
DAMMIT! I HIT HIM!!
GFFF FGH...!!

SOME-BODY CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!!
THAT LOOKS AWFUL!!
!?
SOMEBODY GOT HIT SQUARE-ON BY A CAR!!
THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT !!
AN ACCIDENT ...?
...T...!!
COMING THROUGH!
EXCUSE ME.
I DON'T THINK HE'D MIND IF I WAS A FEW MINUTES LATE...

TAKASHINA GOT IN AN ACCIDENT!?


LIKE I TOLD YOU, IT WAS A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! I WAS JUST WITH TAKASHINA A FEW MINUTES AGO!!

K... YOU MEAN THAT DRIFTER-SURGEON!?
K... THAT'S K!! HE'S WITH K!!
TALL MAN WITH A CAPE?
I HEAR THAT A TALL MAN WITH A CAPE TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL...

I CAN'T STAND THE GUY MYSELF, BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT HE'S A GENIUS HE'S IN GOOD HANDS.
ISN'T K SUPPOSED TO BE A DRIFTING MEDICAL PRODIGY?
HE'LL BE FINE IF K'S WITH HIM!
WELL, TAKASHINA'S ONE LUCKY SON OF A GUN!! GUESS I WAS WORRIED FOR NOTHING!!
HE'LL MAKE IT THROUGH IF HE'S WITH K...
WELL, THAT'S A SILVER LINING, ALRIGHT.
HEAD AND STOMACH...!? THE DURA MATER... AND THE INTESTINES...!?
BECAUSE I HEAR THAT TAKASHINA'S INJURED HIS HEAD AND HIS STOMACH...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...!!
SEVERE INJURIES TO THE HEAD AND STOMACH !?

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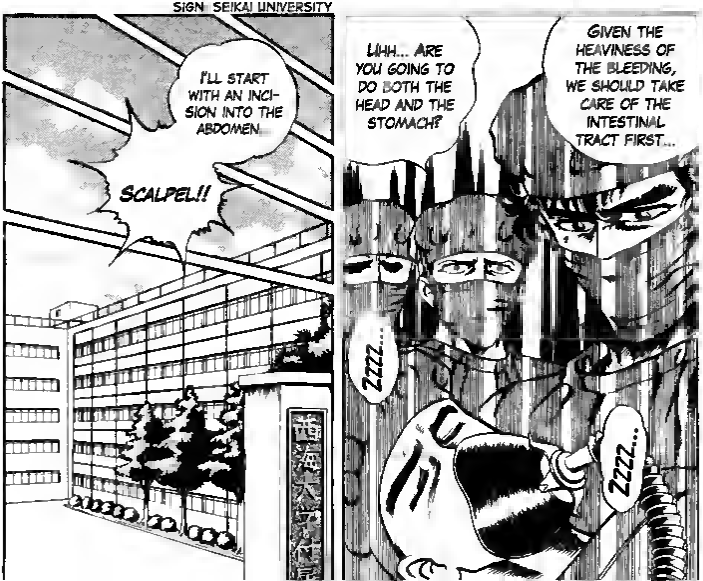
CHAPTER 23

CHART 24: THE PHYSICIAN'S DECISION

AMBULANCE ENTRANCE
NO PARKING
WE HAVE AN URGENT PATIENT!!
HE HAS SEVERE INJURIES TO HIS CRANIUM AND ABDOMEN!!
HE'S UNDERGOING HEAVY ABDOMINAL BLEEDING!!
TAKASHINA...!!

I'LL PERFORM THE OPERATION! TAKE THE PATIENT TO THE OPERATING ROOM!!
WE NEED TO OPERATE IMMEDIATELY! WHERE'S THE OPERATION ROOM!?
I NEED A CT OF HIS CRANIUM, STAT!!
UHH...
HE'S HEAVILY INJURED IN BOTH HIS HEAD AND HIS STO-MACH...!!
THIS IS PRETTY AWFUL...
GET ON YOUR SCRUBS!! WE WILL OPERATE ON HIS ABDOMEN AND CRANIUM SIMULTANE-OUSLY!!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! WE DON'T HAVE A SECOND TO SPARE!!

OPERATING
His abdominal bleeding appears to be from a ruptured intestinal tract!!
CT results reveal an acute subdural hematoma"!!
OPERATING ROOM
*Acute subdural hematoma = A condition in which blood collects outside the dura mater, which surrounds the brain, and puts pressure on the brain.
He had a severe blow to the head in addition to the heavy abdominal bleeding. That should be no surprise.
The patient isn't regaining consciousness...


Sign. Seikai University
I'll start with an incision into the abdomen.
Scalpel!!
Uhh... Are you going to do both the head and the stomach?
Given the heaviness of the bleeding, we should take care of the intestinal tract first...
Zzz...
Zzzz...

ASAKURA!
YES!
SO, YOU'RE FINALLY THE NEW CHIEF OF SURGERY NOW
PRESI-DENT!!
GOOD MORNING!!
YOU ARE THE HOPE OF OUR UNIVERSITY, AFTER ALL.
I KNOW THE GOING HAS BEEN ROUGH, BUT I HAVE HIGH EXPECTA-TIONS OF YOU.
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?
I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONSIDE-RATION.
THE CHIEF OF SURGERY IS IN CHARGE OF ALL SURGICAL DEPARTMENTS! I HOPE YOU CAN FULLY EXERCISE YOUR TALENT IN THIS POSITION!

THE BOARD MEETING WILL BEGIN IN ONE HOUR... JUST SIT TIGHT UNTIL THEN.
IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE HE'S ACTUALLY PUTTING ASAKURA ON THE LADDER TO SUCCESS
GOOD GRIEF... THE PRESIDENT'S LOSING HIS TOUCH.
PRESIDENT...
HE'S SIMPLY TOO SOFT ON ASAKURA...
I SEE...
IT WAS THE PRESIDENT...
THAT NOMINATED ME AS CHIEF OF SURGERY...
ALRIGHT... NOW OPEN IT UP!!
HEMOSTATIC FORCEPS!!

I WILL NOW SUTURE THE RUPTURED INTESTINAL TRACT.

THREAD!!

FRAGMENTS SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED FROM ABDOMEN!!

TO HEAL BOTH INJURIES ...!!

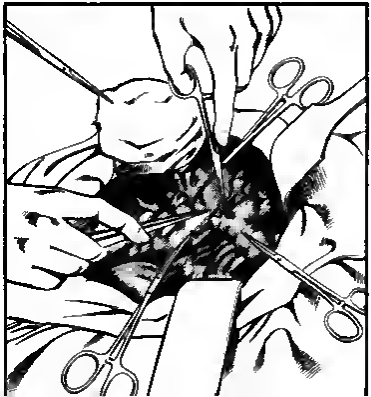
WHAT SKILL... HE MIGHT ACTUALLY MANAGE...

IT'S BARELY EVEN BEEN TEN MINUTES SINCE THE INCISION...

H... HE'S FAST!!

Ruptured intestinal tract…

A condition in which a part of the intestines is ruptured due to a strong external force… Because intestinal tissue is incredibly delicate, this can lead to death in hours if it is not treated urgently. It is truly a race against time.



He's fast... He healed the ruptured intestinal tract in no time at all!!
He did it...!!
Suturing complete!!
Let me see the CT image!
I'll let you handle the final procedures! I'll proceed to operate on the cranium!
What!?
The abdominal bleeding hasn't stopped!!
Wait just a second... Something's wrong here!!

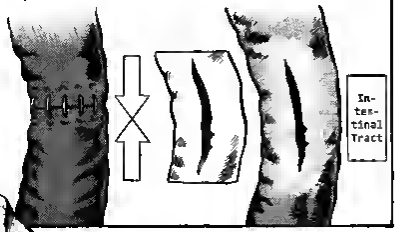
.....
!?
I THOUGHT I SUTURED ALL RUPTURES IN THE INTESTINAL TRACT...!!
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!
HERE!
INTESTINAL SPATULA!!
ALRIGHT... I'D BETTER LOOK A LITTLE DEEPER...
YOU'RE NOT LOOKING ALL THE WAY IN THERE, ARE YOU!?
HAVE A LONG, LENGTHWISE RUPTURE!!
THE INTESTINES THAT DEEP DOWN...
WHAT'S THAT...!?
!?

PULSE IS IRREGULAR !!
RESPIRATION IS ALSO DECLINING!!
HOW COULD I HAVE MISSED THIS...!?
SO THIS WAS THE CAUSE OF THAT PROFUSE BLEEDING...
KEEP THE TRANSFUSION GOING!! SEND AS MUCH BLOOD INTO HIM AS POSSIBLE!!
THAT'S NOT GOOD! HE MUST'VE LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD...
OH, NO!! THAT MUST BE BECAUSE OF THE ACUTE SUBDURAL HEMATOMA!!
HE'S EXPERIENCING SCLEROSIS SYMPTOMS IN HIS ARMS AND LEGS!!
THE PATIENT'S CONVULSING ...!!
NNNGH... NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I HAVE TO TREAT THIS RUPTURED INTESTINAL TRACT AS SOON AS I CAN...
WE NEED TO PERFORM A CRANIOTOMY AND REMOVE THE HEMATOMA...

IT'LL TAKE MORE TIME THAN I ACCOUNTED FOR TO COMPLETELY SUTURE HIM...!!

the ruptured portion has to be taken right out and the two ends sutured together. This means the treatment requires all the more time and precision.

For a severe ruptured intestinal tract… when it's ruptured lengthwise as it is in Takashina's case…



AL-RIGHT!!

GOOD! I'LL LET YOU OPERATE ON THE CRANIUM WHILE I FINISH UP HERE!

THAT WOULD BE ME...

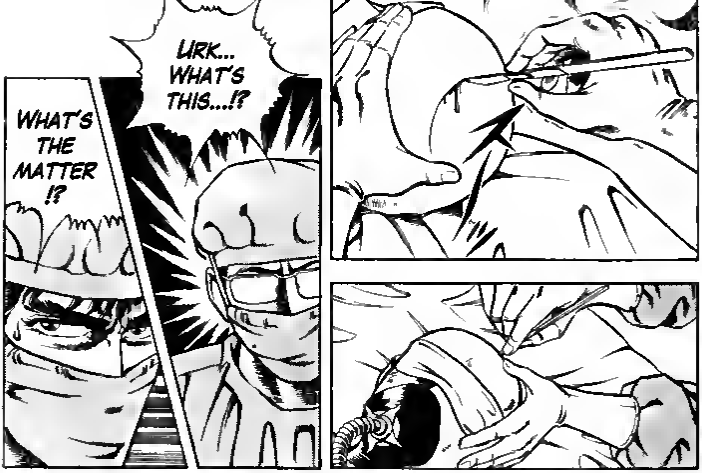
WHO'S IN CHARGE OF BRAIN SURGERY HERE!?

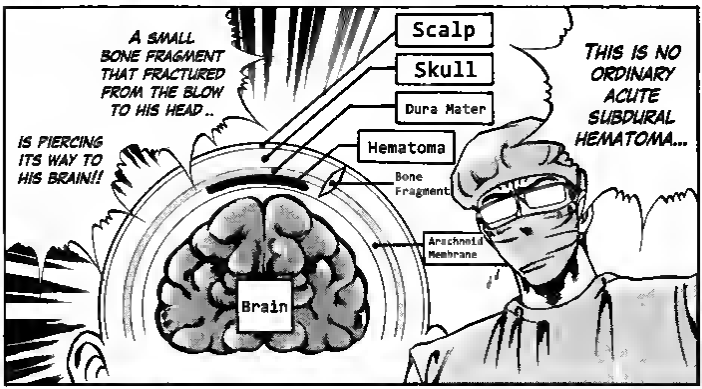
WE WILL NOW PERFORM A CONCURRENT CRANIOTOMY!

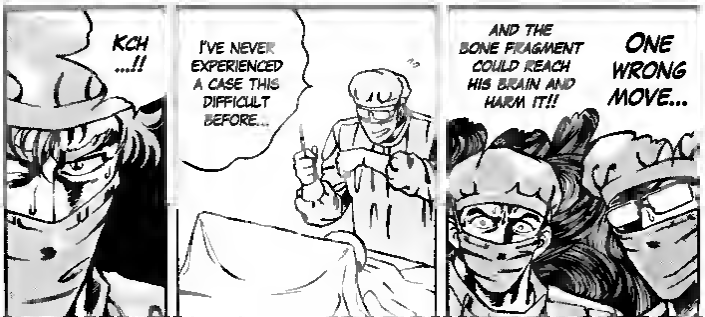
OKAY...

SCAL-PEL!!

FIRST, WE WILL MAKE AN INCISION ON THE SCALP!

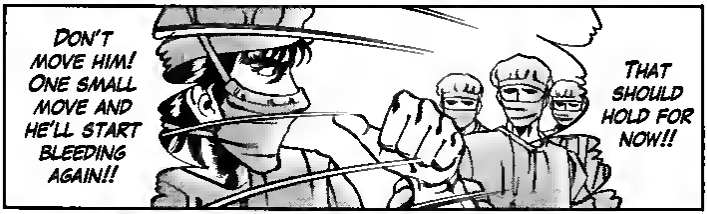

URK... WHAT'S THIS...!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER !?


A SMALL BONE FRAGMENT THAT FRACTURED FROM THE BLOW TO HIS HEAD..
IS PIERCING ITS WAY TO HIS BRAIN!!
Scalp
Skull
Dura Mater
Hematoma
Bone Fragment
Arachnoid Membrane
Brain
THIS IS NO ORDINARY ACUTE SUBDURAL HEMATOMA...


KCH ...!!
I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED A CASE THIS DIFFICULT BEFORE...
AND THE BONE FRAGMENT COULD REACH HIS BRAIN AND HARM IT!!
ONE WRONG MOVE...

FOR-CEPS!!
FOR NOW I'M JUST GOING TO STOP THE BLEEDING AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE!

BUT . WHAT ABOUT THE RUPTURED INTESTINAL TRACT...!?
ALRIGHT! I'LL HANDLE THE CRANIAL OPERATION, THEN!!


DON'T MOVE HIM! ONE SMALL MOVE AND HE'LL START BLEEDING AGAIN!!
THAT SHOULD HOLD FOR NOW!!

I'D BETTER REMOVE THE BONE FRAGMENT FIRST...
HMM...
FOR-CEPS!!

P-PLEASE DO!
SCAL-PEL!!
I'LL TAKE OVER ON THE CRA-NIUM!

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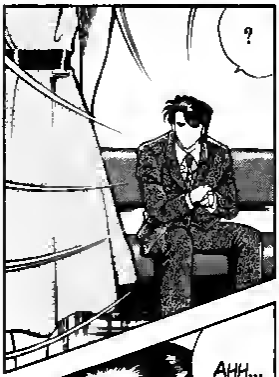
BEST OF LUCK, CHIEF OF SURGERY!!
TAKA-SHINA...
I JUST CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING...
IT'S NO USE...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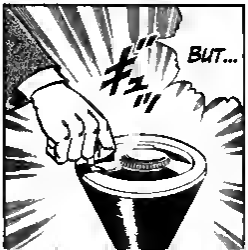
AHH...

MY INTUITION AS A DOCTOR IS TELLING ME OTHERWISE...!!

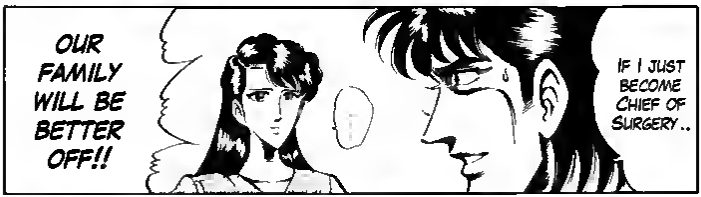
K SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THEM BOTH...
HEAD AND STOMACH... THAT PROBABLY MEANS A SUBDURAL HEMATOMA AND RUPTURED INTESTINAL TRACT...


BUT...

YEAH.
I HEARD THAT DR. TAKASHINA WAS IN AN ACCIDENT.
RYOKO!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
NO... I'M NOT HESITATING AT ALL...
YOU'RE HESITATING, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S NOT TRUE! I KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO GO TO SEE TAKASHINA!
I KNOW THAT K CAN SAVE TAKASHINA!
K TOOK TAKASHINA TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT AFTER THE ACCIDENT.
TAKASHINA'S ALRIGHT! BESIDES, THE BOARD MEETING STARTS IN 30 MINUTES... AND I'M GOING TO BE APPOINTED AS CHIEF OF SURGERY!
HAHAHA!! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, RYOKO?

AND DEVOTE MYSELF TO MY OWN RESEARCH AGAIN!!
THEN I CAN RECOVER THE UNIVERSITY'S TRUST THAT I HAD LOST...

THEN I CAN GIVE YOUR FATHER THE BEST TREATMENT THERE IS, REGARDLESS OF THE PRICE TAG!!
AND IF I BECOME CHIEF OF SURGERY,


OUR FAMILY WILL BE BETTER OFF!!
IF I JUST BECOME CHIEF OF SURGERY..

BUT PLEASE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT US!
HUH!?

YOU'VE EVEN DECEIVED YOURSELF FOR OUR SAKE...
HONEY...

THANK YOU... HONEY...
H-HEY

I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO BACK ON YOUR DECISION FOR OUR SAKE!!
YEAH.
HE'S THE DOCTOR THAT SAVED OUR SON... WHEN HE HAD FETAL HYDROCEPHALUS, RIGHT?
K... I KNOW HIM.
. . . . . !!
THEN YOU SHOULD GO HELP HIM, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT US...
IF THIS K IS IN TROUBLE...
Board Room
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE?
WE'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW!!

WHY..?

WHAT DOES THAT ASAKURA TAKE THIS BOARD MEETING FOR!?

WHAT!? ASAKURA'S GONE!?

HIS INTESTINE IS BLEEDING AGAIN!!
IT'S NO GOOD!!

ALRIGHT! I'LL BE THERE IMMEDIATELY!!
WAIT... BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CRANIUM!?

GET OVER HERE, QUICKLY!! HE WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER IF THIS ISN'T TREATED RIGHT AWAY!!
AND HIS INTESTINES ARE UNDERGOING DISCOLORATION!! THE TISSUE IS UNDERGOING NECROSIS!!

BAD NEWS!!

I CAN'T DO THIS!! I CAN'T IGNORE THE INTESTINAL RUPTURE... BUT THEN THERE'S THE HEAD...
WE NEED TO REMOVE THE HEMATOMA FROM THE CRANIUM...!!
WHAT NOW!?
HIS ECG READINGS ARE GOING HAYWIRE!!
TAKA-SHINA ...!!
IF ONLY...
I HAD FOUR HANDS...!!
!?

YOU'RE ....!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!? WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRITICAL OPERATION!!
IT'S A DIFFICULT OPERATION ENOUGH AS IT IS. AND WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY ..!?
THAT'S JUST RECKLESS!!
PREP ME A SET OF SCRUBS I'LL HANDLE THE CRANIAL OPERATION!
HEHE... IT'S A GOOD THING I CAME AFTER ALL...
I'M SEIKAI UNIVERSITY'S OWN ASAKURA... ASAKURA YUGO!!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO!?

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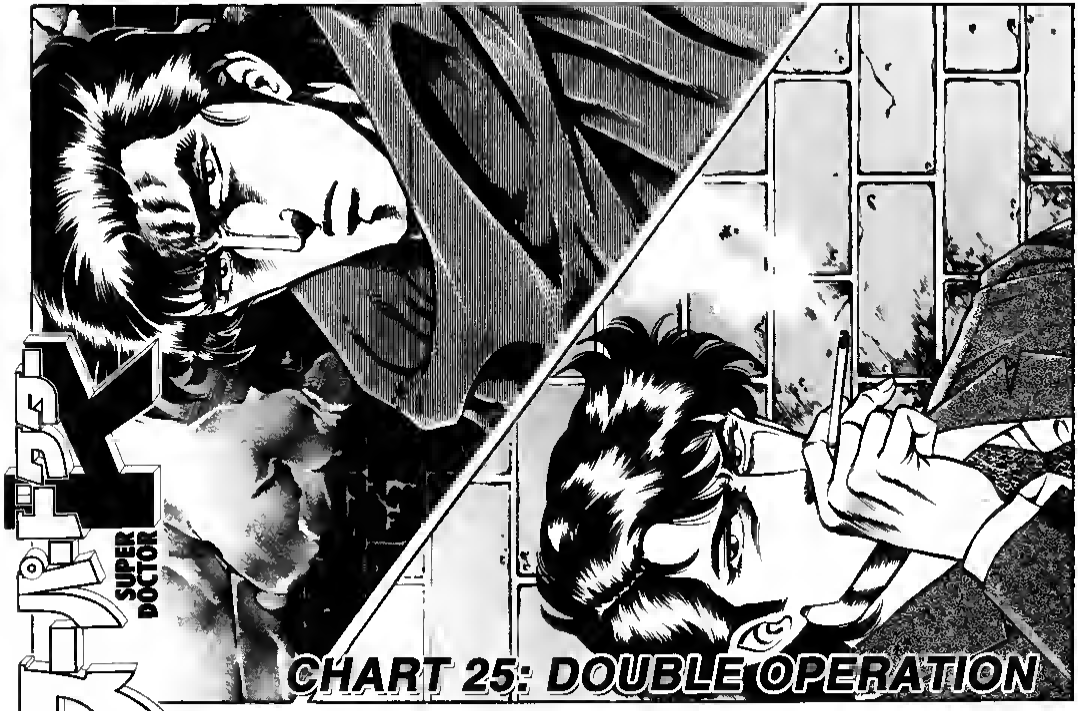
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CHART 25: DOUBLE OPERATION

THE ONE AND ONLY ASAKURA YUGO OF SEIKAI UNIVERSITY!!
ASAKURA FROM SEIKAI UNIVERSITY!?
YOU MEAN... THE ASAKURA...?

K...!!
LET ME HANDLE THE CRANIAL OPERATION!
ASAKURA...

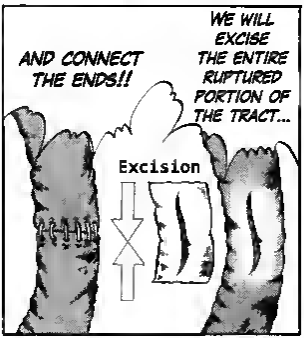
K!?
K...

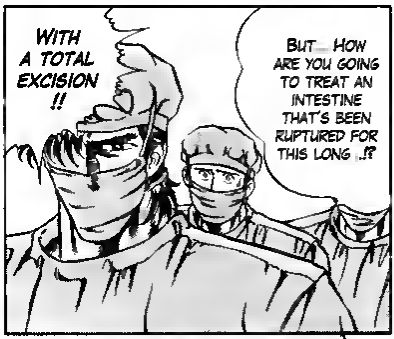
I FIGURED HIS SKILL WAS ABOVE AVERAGE... SO THAT EXPLAINS IT!!
YOU MEAN THE LEGENDARY SURGEON ...K!?
THE LEGENDARY SURGEON 'K' AND ASAKURA OF SEIKAI UNIVERSITY...!!!
WE'RE WITNESSING TWO INCREDIBLE SURGEONS...
LET'S DIVIDE THE SUPPORT INTO TWO TEAMS, ONE FOR THE CRANIUM AND ONE FOR THE ABDOMEN!
A... ALRIGHT!!
WE'LL CONTINUE THE OPERATION!!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! THE PATIENT IS IN AN INCREDIBLY CRITICAL CONDITION!!
GOOD!
W-WE'RE READY TO HELP!

THE PATIENT MIGHT NOT SURVIVE...
EVEN IF THE OPERATION ITSELF SUCCEEDS...
AND THE INTESTINAL BLEEDING IS QUITE SEVERE.. THIS COULD BE FAIRLY DIFFICULT...
STILL... IT'S TAKEN FAR TOO LONG TO START THE OPERATION ON HIS HEAD...
YOU HAVEN'T FOUND ASAKURA YET!?
AND JUST WHEN WE WERE FINALLY GOING TO OVERLOOK ALL HIS MISTAKES ..!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD SKIP OUT ON SUCH A CRITICAL BOARD MEETING!!
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE !!
CAN'T YOU JUST WAIT A FEW MORE MINUTES!?
NOW, DON'T BE THAT WAY...

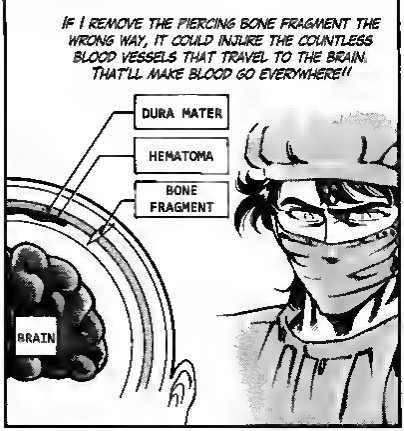
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!!
I NEVER TOOK HIM FOR SUCH AN UNREASONABLE MAN
THAT'S WHY HE ACTS SO SPOILED!!
YOU'RE TOO SOFT ON ASAKURA!!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! WE'RE GOING TO EXCUSE OURSELVES!
THIS IS UTTERLY DISPLEASING!
FOR THE LOVE OF...
ぞろぞろ…
I TRUST THAT YOU'LL TAKE RESOLUTE ACTION TO DEAL WITH THIS SCANDAL!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...!?
WHY...?
ASAKURA...
...

WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!!
THAT'S A SYMPTOM OF NECROSIS!!
INTESTINAL TISSUE IS UNDERGOING DISCOLORATION!


AND CONNECT THE ENDS!!
WE WILL EXCISE THE ENTIRE RUPTURED PORTION OF THE TRACT...
Excision


WITH A TOTAL EXCISION !!
BUT... HOW ARE YOU GOING TO TREAT AN INTESTINE THAT'S BEEN RUPTURED FOR THIS LONG..!?

SCALPEL!!
THE RUPTURED INTESTINAL TISSUE IS BEYOND RECOVERY!! WE HAVE TO REMOVE THE NECROTIC TISSUE AND ATTACH THE LIVING TISSUE!


IF I REMOVE THE PIERCING BONE FRAGMENT THE WRONG WAY, IT COULD INJURE THE COUNTLESS BLOOD VESSELS THAT TRAVEL TO THE BRAIN. THAT'LL MAKE BLOOD GO EVERYWHERE!!
DURA MATER
HEMATOMA
BONE FRAGMENT
BRAIN

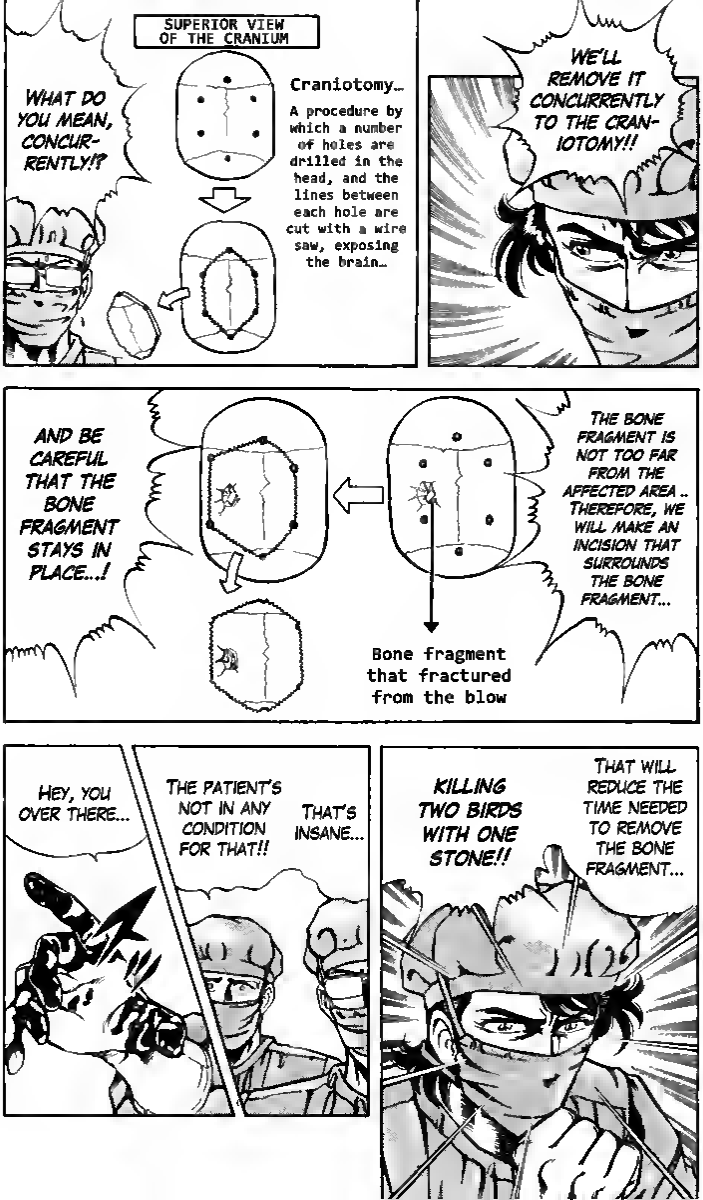
THIS IS A TOUCHY CASE...
I SEE.

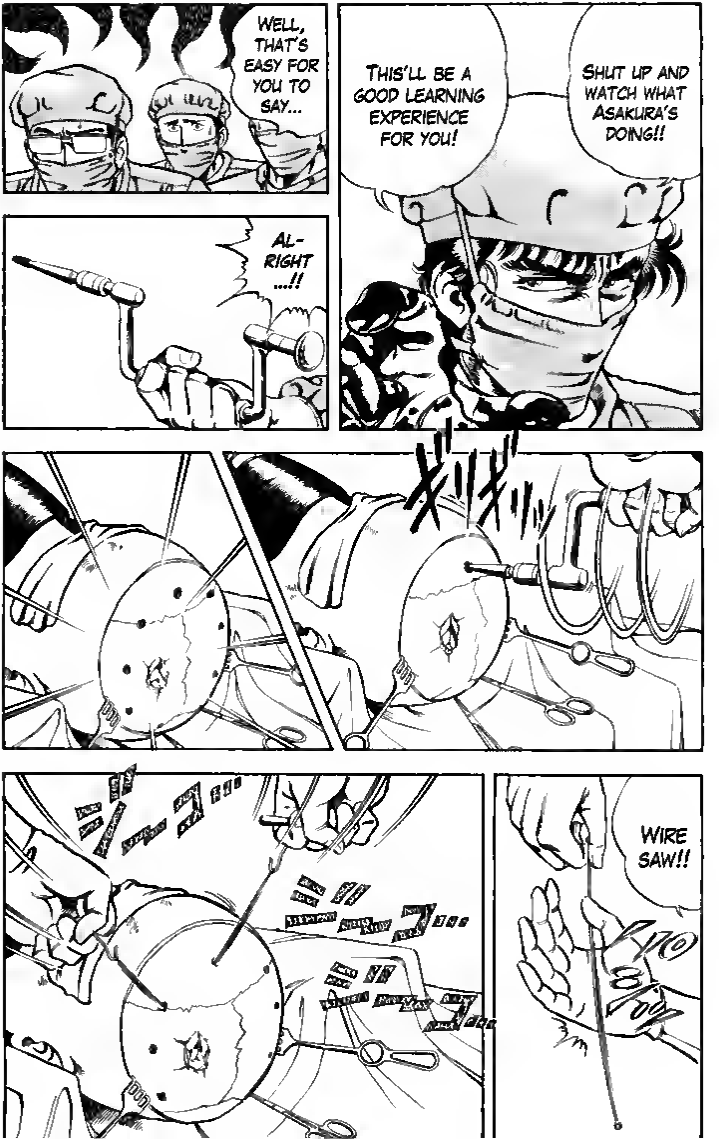
PUT PRESSURE ON THE BRAIN AND CAUSE THE BRAIN TISSUE TO DIE!!
BUT IF I WAIT TOO LONG, THE SUBDURAL HEMATOMA COULD KEEP ON EXPANDING...

WAIT JUST A SECOND !!
WE'RE PERFORMING A CRANIOTOMY! PASS ME THE DRILL!!

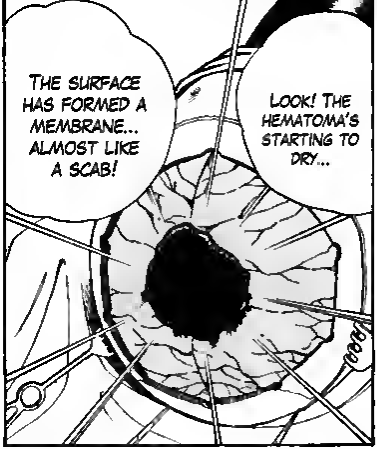
THERE'S NO TIME... WE'LL DO IT ALL AT ONCE!! TAKASHINA!!

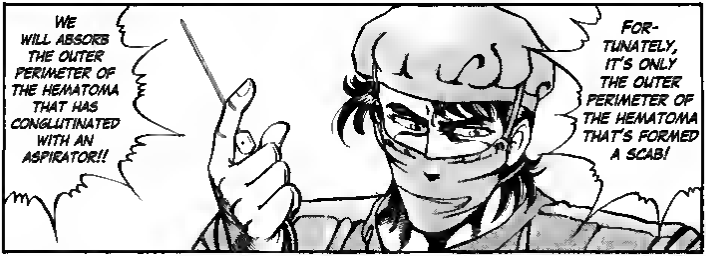
WHAT ABOUT THE BONE FRAGMENT !?


SUPERIOR VIEW OF THE CRANIUM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CONCURRENTLY!?
Craniotomy…
A procedure by which a number of holes are drilled in the head, and the lines between each hole are cut with a wire saw, exposing the brain…
WE'LL REMOVE IT CONCURRENTLY TO THE CRANIOTOMY!!
AND BE CAREFUL THAT THE BONE FRAGMENT STAYS IN PLACE…!
Bone fragment that fractured from the blow
THE BONE FRAGMENT IS NOT TOO FAR FROM THE AFFECTED AREA .. THEREFORE, WE WILL MAKE AN INCISION THAT SURROUNDS THE BONE FRAGMENT…
HEY, YOU OVER THERE…
THE PATIENT'S NOT IN ANY CONDITION FOR THAT!!
THAT'S INSANE…
KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!!
THAT WILL REDUCE THE TIME NEEDED TO REMOVE THE BONE FRAGMENT…


WELL, THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...
THIS'LL BE A GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR YOU!
SHUT UP AND WATCH WHAT ASAKURA'S DOING!!
AL-RIGHT ...!!
ギリギリッ
WIRE SAW!!

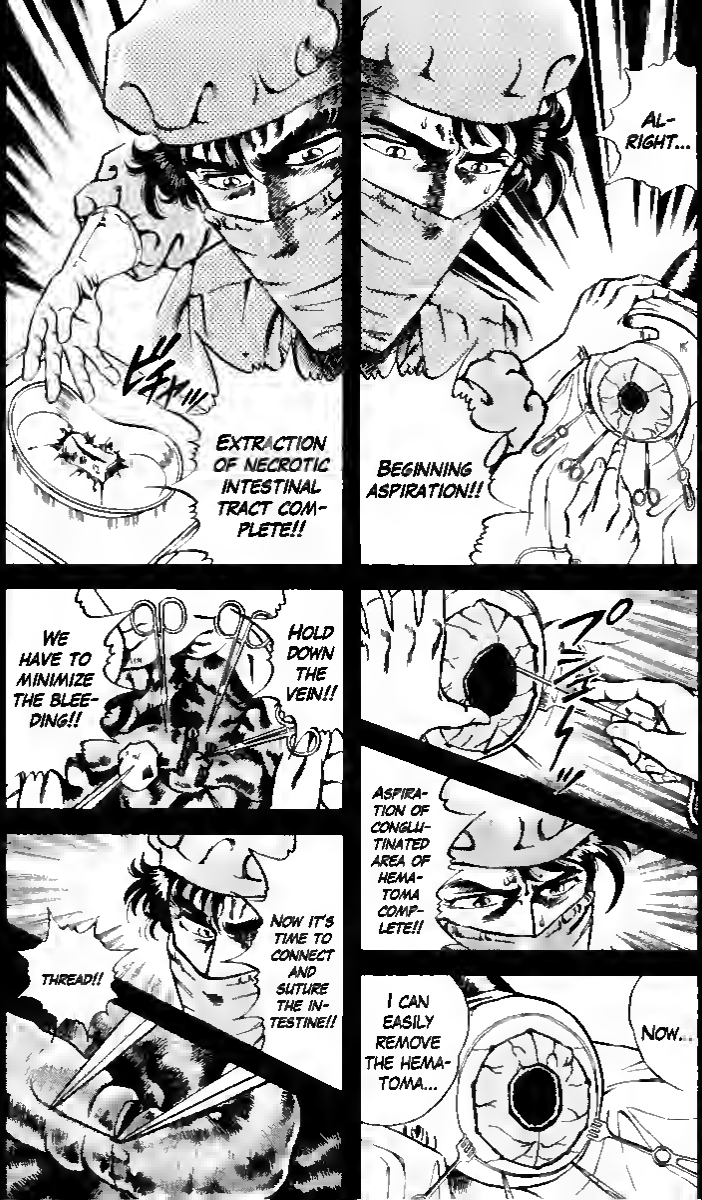
LET'S OPEN IT UP!!
I DID IT...!!
NO.
LET'S REMOVE THE HEMATOMA RIGHT AWAY!
HE OPENED IT UP, BONE FRAGMENT AND ALL!!
H-H-H... HE DID IT!!
WE'VE TAKEN TOO MUCH TIME TO GET TO THIS POINT...




WE WILL ABSORB THE OUTER PERIMETER OF THE HEMATOMA THAT HAS CONGLUTINATED WITH AN ASPIRATOR!!
FOR-TUNATELY, IT'S ONLY THE OUTER PERIMETER OF THE HEMATOMA THAT'S FORMED A SCAB!

An aspirator works on the same principle as a vacuum cleaner…

However… Because brain tissue is an extremely sensitive tissue, sufficient caution is necessary when using an aspirator…


EXTRACTION OF NECROTIC INTESTINAL TRACT COMPLETE!!
BEGINNING ASPIRATION!!
AL-RIGHT...
WE HAVE TO MINIMIZE THE BLEEDING!!
HOLD DOWN THE VEIN!!
ASPIRATION OF CONGLUTINATED AREA OF HEMATOMA COMPLETE!!
NOW IT'S TIME TO CONNECT AND SUTURE THE INTESTINE!!
THREAD!!
I CAN EASILY REMOVE THE HEMATOMA...
NOW...

AL-RIGHT!!
AL-RIGHT!!
INTESTINAL TRACT SUTURING COMPLETE!!
HEMATOMA EXTRACTION COMPLETE!!
シーン...
THE REMAINING PROCEDURES!!
I'LL LET YOU HANDLE...

W...WE'VE JUST WITNESSED SOMETHING INCREDIBLE...
THIS ONLY SUCCEEDED BECAUSE THERE WERE TWO INCREDIBLE DOCTORS HERE...
IF EVEN ONE OF THEM WASN'T HERE...
HE MIGHT NOT HAVE MADE IT...
ICU (Intensive Care Unit)
Left hand
HONEY! HIS HAND JUST MOVED ...!!
!!

DO YOU RECOG-NIZE ME!?
HEY! CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
ARE YOU AWAKE!?
TAKA-SHINA ...!!
HMM ...?
HEY, MA'AM...
YOU LOOK JUST AS PRETTY AS EVER.
HEHEHE... I'M NOT GONNA DIE...
WITHOUT ANOTHER TASTE. OF YOUR WIFE'S COOKING..
WHY, YOU LITTLE...
YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT!!
YOU HAD ME SO WORRIED!!

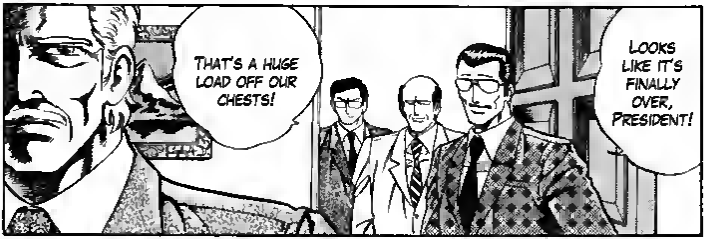
THIS WAS A FORMAL EXECUTIVE DECISION...
BUT THIS TIME, THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, ASAKURA...
I'M SORRY!! IF ONLY I WAS MORE POWER-FUL...
SO I'M FIRED...
ヘコ-!!
YOU'RE..
I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE
THAT I CAN'T KEEP ON CAUSING MORE PROBLEMS FOR YOU.
I WAS JUST THINKING...
I KNEW THAT YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO STOOD UP FOR ME AND PROTECTED ME...
I KNEW IT ALL ALONG.
ASA-KURA...

IT'S OVER...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
!
K...!
I SEE YOU'RE STILL AS OVERCONFIDENT AS EVER.
HEHE...
I'VE GOT SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE THAT NO ONE CAN MATCH!! I'LL MAKE IT THROUGH!!
I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN, K!!

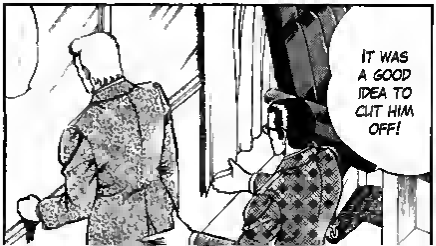
Sign Professor's Office

HE MAY BE PRETTY FOOLISH!
YOU'RE RIGHT!

NO ORDINARY DOCTOR COULD DO THAT..
HE THREW AWAY SUCCESS TO SAVE HIS FRIEND...


THAT'S A HUGE LOAD OFF OUR CHESTS!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S FINALLY OVER, PRESIDENT!

BESIDES, THIS INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY HAS NO PLACE FOR A MAVERICK LIKE HIM!


IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO CUT HIM OFF!

HAHAHA! WE GOTTA ADMIRE HIS HUMANISM, I SUPPOSE?
I HEAR HE DITCHED THE BOARD MEETING TO SAVE HIS FRIEND FROM THE VERGE OF DEATH...

NO, IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE!

WE'RE THE ONES BEING CUT OFF...
ASAKURA YUGO HAS CUT OFF THE MASSIVE INSTITUTION KNOWN AS A UNIVERSITY!

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MAFUNE KAZUO
THIS SCAPEL TATSES LIKE FREEDOM!!
THAT'S IT NO MORE STALLONE MOVIE MARATHONS K, YOU REMEBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME.
PRESENTED BY HOKUTO NO GUN
スーパードクター
SUPER DOCTOR

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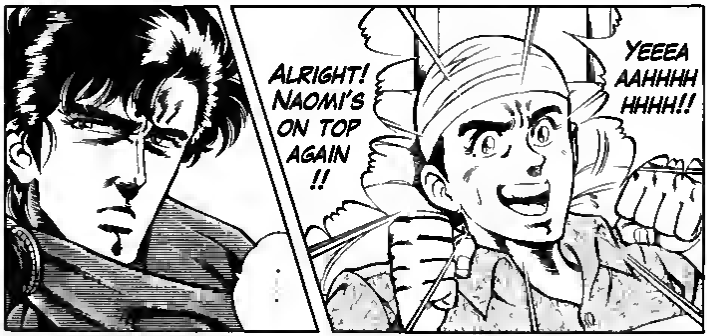
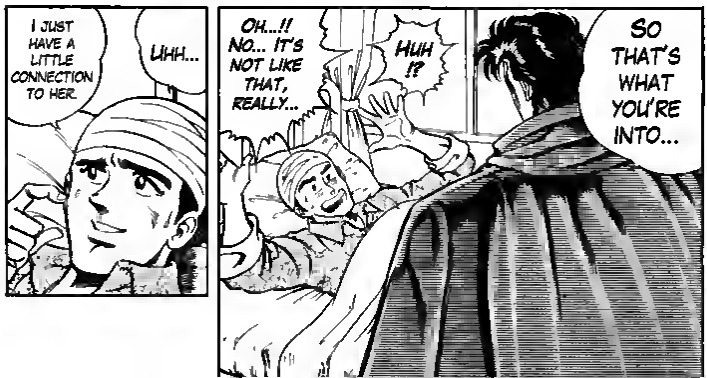
CHAPTER 25

Chart 26: The Idol's Choice

Takashina Ryuichi
Now, it's time to announce number one on tonight's top ten!!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
AH... K!!
I'M GETTING BETTER BY THE DAY, THANKS TO YOU!
Now, what was the top song of the week...!?

Here we have it... Ohhhhh, and she's been first place for three weeks running...
Miss Nakajima Naomi... is first place by a wide margin!!
SONY


ALRIGHT! NAOMI'S ON TOP AGAIN !!
YEEEA AAHHHH HHHH!!


I JUST HAVE A LITTLE CONNECTION TO HER.
UHH...
OH...!! NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, REALLY...
HUH !?
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE INTO...

SHE WAS JUST PLAIN CUTE AND PLAIN POPULAR. JUST ANOTHER IDOL, YOU COULD SAY.
SHE WASN'T ALL THAT POPULAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER HER DEBUT...
I ACTUALLY GAVE HER AN EXAMINATION RIGHT AROUND THE TIME SHE DEBUTED,
AND I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HER EVER SINCE...
SO ALL HER DREAMS CAME TRUE...
ONCE SHE GOT HER SHOT, SHE BECAME A TOP IDOL THAT NO ONE COULD TAKE DOWN!
NOT TO MENTION THAT SHE'S A FIGHTER!
BUT SHE'S REALLY CHEERFUL, REALLY KIND, AND HAS A GREAT PERSONALITY.
HER VOICE GOT A WHOLE LOT CUTER ALL OF A SUDDEN.
YEAH!

BUT HER VOICE CHANGED, AND BECAME REALLY CUTE!
I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS VOICE LESSONS OR WHAT...
IT'S TIME TO TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE!
HER VOICE?
CHANGED...
HER VOICE...
YOU'RE A DOCTOR YOURSELF, SO YOU SHOULD KNOW!!
OF COURSE YOU CAN'T!
I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GO NOW, HUH, NURSE?
AHHHHH! AND I HAD JUST BOUGHT TICKETS FOR HER CONCERT...
MY DOCTOR ACCOMPANY ME...
AND WENT IN A WHEELCHAIR, THEN PERHAPS...
OF COURSE, IF YOU HAD YOUR DOCTOR ACCOMPANY YOU...
HERE'S YOUR THERMOMETER!

WHAT?
W...
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じと…
I NEED YOU TO DO ME A FAVOR !!
ALRIGHT, GOOD WORK!!
YOU DID A GREAT JOB! YOU'VE BEEN ON THE TOP FOR THREE WEEKS RUNNING!!
NOW,
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME! WE NEED TO GET TO THE RADIO STATION RIGHT AWAY!
I KNOW YOU HAVE A TIGHT SCHEDULE
BUT PLEASE, HANG IN THERE!
OKAY!!

THIS IS "YOUNG NIGHT" WITH NAKAJIMA NAOMI!!
GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE! NAOMI HERE!!
OUR FIRST LETTER OF THE NIGHT...
IS FROM MR. SHIBUYA TAKUMI, FROM SOUTH TANAKA !!
NOW...
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WRITING IN!
GOOD EVENING, NAOMI.
I'M A NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE PREP STUDENT...
GOOD LUCK.
O... OHHHHH!
SHE'S READING MY LETTER!!
I listen to your music every day during my study breaks!

YEAH!
Now, now! You shouldn't think that way! You have to try harder!!
I study so much I feel like I'm going crazy, and sometimes I think about giving up...
YEAH!
NAOMI TOLD ME TO GO FOR IT!
YEEE AAAA HHHH HHH!
I'LL DO IT!!
BUT WHENEVER I HEAR YOUR VOICE, I REALIZE I HAVE TO GIVE IT MY ALL!
I'M HERE TO CHEER YOU ON... SO GO FOR IT, MR. SHIBUYA.
THAT'S RIGHT...
OKAY! NOW CUT TO THE SONG!!
I'M ON YOUR SIDE. . SO WHENEVER YOU'RE FEELING BAD, JUST LISTEN TO MY SONG AND CHEER UP.
AND ALL OF YOU LISTENING IN!!

I'M SORRY TO MAKE YOU DO THIS...
UHH...
DON'T MENTION IT
I'M A LITTLE CURIOUS ABOUT THIS NAKAJIMA NAOMI...
BESIDES...
NAOMI!!
NAOMI!!
NAOMI!!

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NAOMI
NAOMI

THANKS !!
HACHIJO PRODUCTIONS IS PROUD OF YOU!
WELL DONE, NAOMI !!
YOU REALLY BROUGHT DOWN THE HOUSE!
Miss Nakajima Naomi's Dressing Room
THAT CONCERT WAS A BIG HIT!!
OH... BUT NAOMI'S A LITTLE TIRED NOW...
THERE'S A FAN HERE THAT'S BROUGHT SOME FLOWERS...
NO! I'M FINE!!
HE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, SO LET HIM IN!!
EXCUSE ME...
HUH !?
YOU'RE, DR. TAKASHINA!!
UH... Y...YOU REMEMBERED ME!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!?

EHEHEHE... JUST A LITTLE ACCIDENT! BUT I'M ALRIGHT NOW...
OH! THIS IS...
!
YOUR THROAT ...
IS ABOUT TO BURST.
!?
HUH...? HER THROAT !?
FROM WHAT I GATHER...
YOU HAVE A POLYP ON YOUR VOCAL CORDS!

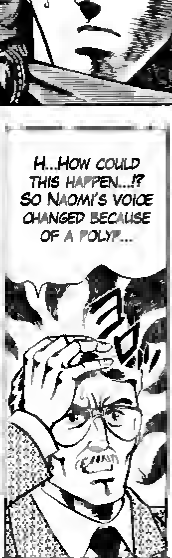
THE RECENT DRASTIC CHANGE IN YOUR VOICE...
IS DUE TO THAT POLYP!!
T... THAT CAN'T BE!!
WHO ARE YOU...!?
IS THIS MAN A DOCTOR?
Y...
YEAH, A REALLY OUT-STANDING ONE...
*Cases of throat cancer in adolescence are extremely rare.
THERE'S A CHANCE THAT THIS POLYP IS MALIGNANT*!
IF IT IS, YOUR LIFE COULD BE AT RISK! YOU'D BETTER GET IT CHECKED IMMEDIATELY!
IF THAT'S TRUE... YOU SHOULD GET IT CHECKED ...!!
Y... YEAH!!
A POLYP

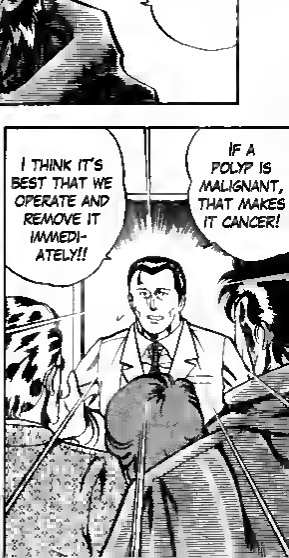
WE'VE CONDUCTED A TISSUE EXAM.
AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT IT'S MALIGNANT!

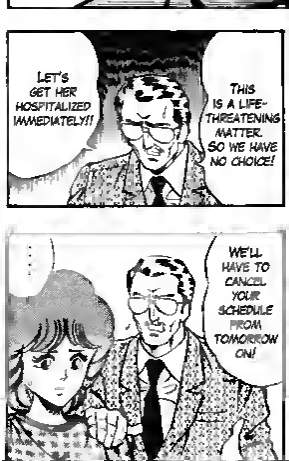
A MALIGNANT POLYP ...IT

MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT...
SO...

LET'S GET HER HOSPITALIZED IMMEDIATELY!!
THIS IS A LIFE-THREATENING MATTER. SO WE HAVE NO CHOICE!


H...HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN...!? SO NAOMI'S VOICE CHANGED BECAUSE OF A POLYP...


I THINK IT'S BEST THAT WE OPERATE AND REMOVE IT IMMEDIATELY!!
IF A POLYP IS MALIGNANT, THAT MAKES IT CANCER!


WE'LL HAVE TO CANCEL YOUR SCHEDULE FROM TOMORROW ON!

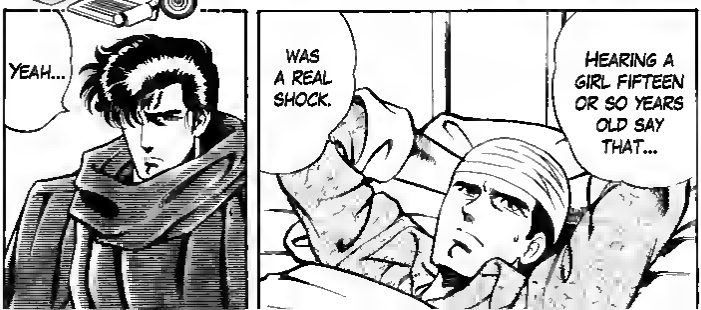
NO!
IF YOU REMOVE THE POLYP, WOULDN'T I LOSE MY VOICE?
I MEAN...
I... WON'T...
HUH !?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, NAOMI!?
YOUR POLYP IS CANCEROUS!!
WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN SING ISN'T THE ISSUE!
IF YOU DON'T GET SURGERY SOON...
YOU COULD DIE!!

EVEN IF I DIE...
IT'S FINE.
WHY!?
LOOK... THESE ARE ALL MY FAN LETTERS.
I GET SO MANY LETTERS FROM MY FANS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY!!
ALL THESE PEOPLE... ARE ROOTING FOR MY SONGS WITH ALL THEY HAVE...
DIDN'T YOU SEE MY CONCERT?
YOU SAW ALL MY GROUPIES... THEM, TOO...
I GOT A LETTER THE OTHER DAY.
THIS FAN WAS THINKING ABOUT SUICIDE...
BUT HE HEARD MY SONG... MY VOICE, AND HE DECIDED AGAINST IT...!!
NAMI

THAT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY!
KNOWING THAT THE SONGS I SING...
CAN GIVE THESE PEOPLE THAT KIND OF COURAGE.
I LOVED TO SING, EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL.
AND IT WAS ALWAYS MY DREAM TO BE A SINGER... ONE THAT COULD GIVE COURAGE TO SO MANY PEOPLE...
I ALWAYS WANTED TO SING SONGS LIKE THAT..
NAOMI...
FINALLY MADE MY DREAM COME TRUE!
AND MY VOICE HAS FINALLY...
I HAVE TO KEEP SINGING!!
SO...

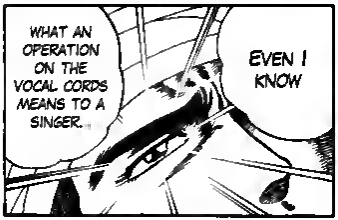
I'LL STILL BE HAPPY THAT WAY!
SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I DIE!

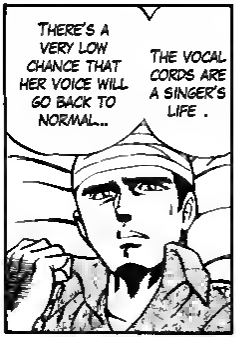
NAOMI... YOU'D GO THAT FAR...?
EVEN IF YOU DIE...?
AHH!!

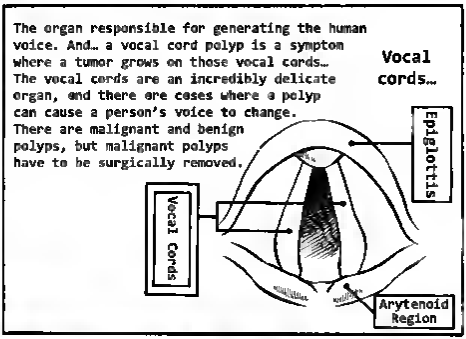

YEAH...
WAS A REAL SHOCK.
HEARING A GIRL FIFTEEN OR SO YEARS OLD SAY THAT...

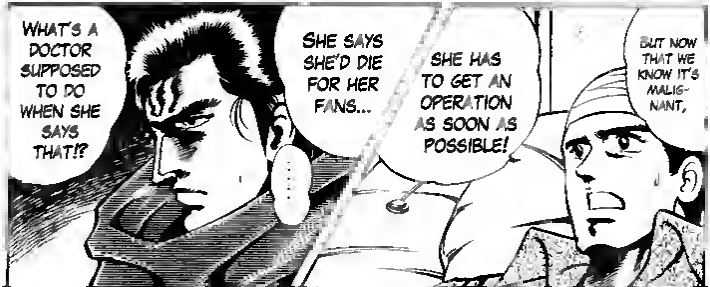
AND... WE'RE POWERLESS IN TIMES LIKE THIS!!
IT'S HARD BEING A DOCTOR.

I GUESS BEING A FIGHTER IS WORKING AGAINST HER.


WHAT AN OPERATION ON THE VOCAL CORDS MEANS TO A SINGER.
EVEN I KNOW


THERE'S A VERY LOW CHANCE THAT HER VOICE WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL...
THE VOCAL CORDS ARE A SINGER'S LIFE .


The organ responsible for generating the human voice. And... a vocal cord polyp is a symptom where a tumor grows on those vocal cords... The vocal cords are an incredibly delicate organ, and there are cases where a polyp can cause a person's voice to change. There are malignant and benign polyps, but malignant polyps have to be surgically removed.
Vocal cords...
Epiglottis
Vocal Cords
Arytenoid Region

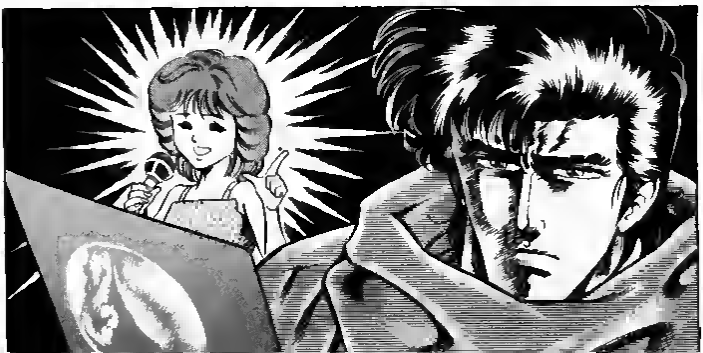

WHAT'S A DOCTOR SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN SHE SAYS THAT!?
SHE SAYS SHE'D DIE FOR HER FANS...
.....
SHE HAS TO GET AN OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
BUT NOW THAT WE KNOW IT'S MALIG-NANT,

Hello! I'm Naomi!!
!?
Now, folks, we're here live for the "Exciting Singing Broadcast!!" Our guest for today is Nakajima Naomi!

NO I CAN'T WATCH!!

I'm going to sing my best!!

BUT LOOK AT HER LOVABLE SMILE...!!
SHE'S JUST BEEN INFORMED OF SHOCKING NEWS...



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